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3. The tickets sold at Girgaum City Booking Office will be available from V. T. Bombay or Byculla stations for use on the day of issue only.

4. Intermediate Class passengers will not be booked at the Girgaum City Booking Office by the 9 Down Madras Mail, 19 Down and 41 Down Poona Express trains.

5. Passengers' luggage will not be booked at the Booking Office, but only at the stations of departure, viz., V. T. Bombay or Byculla.

6. The Girgaum City Booking Office will be open from 10-30 hours to 18 hours daily.

7. The Booking Office will be located in Thakurdwar Road between the Post Office and the Portuguese Church.

A. PEEL GOLDNEY,
Ag. Chief Traffic Manager.

Bombay, 22-3-28.

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TENDERS.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

OFFERS IN SEALED COVERS ARE INVITED either for the outright purchase or in the alternative for taking on lease for a period of 999 years the Municipal plot of land at the Junction of Hornby Road and the new 80 ft. main avenue to be known as Sir P. M. Mehta Road, adjoining the Agiary together with the ground and three upper floor premises standing thereon fetching when fully occupied a rent of Rs. 658|- per month. The plot abuts on three roads and admeasures about 394 sq. yards. Offers superscribed "Offer for Municipal plot of land at Hornby Road" addressed to the Municipal Commissioner quoting the rate in rupees per sq. yard, accompanied with a deposit of Rs. 1,000|- in cash or Government Securities will be received in the office of the Chief Accountant not later than 1 p.m. (B.T.) on or before 31st March, 1928. If let on lease rent will be payable at 6 per cent on the value of the land.

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Particulars with copies of plans can be obtained from the undersigned.

JAMES W. MACKISON,
Special Engineer,
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BOMBAY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GHELABHAI POONSEY, the Receiver appointed in suit No. 1350 of 1925 filed in the High Court of Judicature in Bombay wherein Lalji Poonsey and Co., are the plaintiffs and Oomersey Raisey and Co., a firm and others are the defendants, has, by an Agreement dated the 18th day of February, 1928, contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property belonging to the said Oomersey Raisey and Co., and that by an order made by the said High Court in the said suit the said Agreement has been sanctioned and the said Ghelabhai Poonsey as such Receiver has been authorised and empowered to complete the sale of the said property as aforesaid.

ALL persons having any claim, right, title, interest or demand into or upon the said property either by way of mortgage, charge, gift, sale, use, trust, possession, inheritance, bequest, lease, lien, partnership or otherwise whatsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 13-19, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to such claim and the same if any will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land together with the buildings Chawls and outhouses thereon, situate at Ghatkoopar in the Registration Sub-District of Kurla, District Bombay Suburban, admeasuring 5305 5-9 five thousand three hundred and five and five ninths square yards being portion of Survey No. 257 and entry No. —— and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by Survey Nos. 244-243 and 242, on or towards the West by the vacant land reserved for a twenty feet Road, on or towards the North by the property belonging to Thaker Ranchhordas and on or towards the South by vacant land reserved for twenty feet Road.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 1928.

DAPHTARY FERREIRA AND DIWAN
Attorneys for the Purchaser.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

HIGH COURT.

O. O. C. J.

Suit No. 528 of 1927.

DEVCHAND HANSRAJ .... Plaintiff.
vs.
PIROJSHA BHIKAJI VANDRIWALLA and MADHAVJI and Company ..... Defendants.

On the 14th day of March, 1928, on an issue raised in the above suit, viz., whether our client P. B. Vandriwalla was or was not a partner in the Defendant firm, the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blackwell has held that the said Pirojsha Bhikaji Vandriwalla was not a partner in the Defendant firm from the month of May, 1925. Notice is, therefore, hereby given to the public that our client, the said P. B. Vandriwalla, who retired from the Defendant firm on 23rd May, 1925, and gave the necessary public notice of such retirement had or has no connection whatsoever with the said firm of P. B. Vandriwalla Madhavji and Co., or Vandriwalla Madhavji and Co., from the said date and that Madhavji Jivanji Patel is the sole proprietor and owner of the said two firms.

DHRU & CO.,
Attorneys for Pirojsha Bhikaji Vandriwalla.

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AUCTION SALE

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The sale of the library of late Haji Mahomed Alarakhia which was to take place on Tuesday, the 27th instant, is POSTPONED to SATURDAY, the 31st instant.

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The Lonavala Khandala License 1928.

License for supply of energy granted by the Government of Bombay under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910 as amended in 1922.

License is hereby granted to SIR LALUBHAI SAMALDAS carrying on business at 49-55 Apollo Street to supply electrical energy in the area with the powers and upon terms and conditions all specified below:—

SHORT TITLE.

1. This License may be cited as "The Lonavala Khandala License 1928."

INTERPRETATION.

2. The several terms, words and expressions to which by the Indian Electricity Act, 1910, as amended in 1922, or by the Rules thereunder meaning are assigned, shall have in this License the same respective meanings, provided that in this License:—

(1) The "Act" shall mean "the Indian Electricity Act 1910, as amended in 1922."

(2) The expression "the Licensees shall mean and include SIR LALUBHAI SAMALDAS and his permitted assigns.

(3) The expressions "First Annexure," "Second Annexure," "Third Annexure" shall mean the first, second and third annexures of this License respectively.

(4) The expression "Deposited Map" shall mean the plan of the area of supply hereinafter specified, which has been deposited with the Government of Bombay in pursuance of the Rules under the Act, which plan is signed for the purpose of indentification by the Secretary to the Government of Bombay in the Public Works Department and by the Licensees under the name and style of SIR LALUBHAI SAMALDAS.

(5) The date of the notification by the Government of Bombay in the Bombay Government Gazette that the License has been granted, is in the License referred to as "the commencement of this License."

SECURITY.

3. (1) The period within which under clause 1 (a) of the Schedule to the Act the Licensees shall show that they are in a position fully and efficiently to discharge duties and obligation imposed upon them by this License throughout the area of supply shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Government of Bombay under the clause, be two years from the commencement of this License.

(2) The period within which under clause 1 (b) of the Schedule to the Act Licensees shall deposit or secure such sum as therein mentioned and the sum so to be deposited or secured shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Government of Bombay under that clause, be six months from the commencement of this License and Rupees Two thousand respectively.

AREA OF SUPPLY.

4. The area of supply within which the supply of energy is authorized by this License is the whole area described in the first Annexure the limits of which are more particularly delienated upon the deposited map.

PURPOSE OF SUPPLY.

5. Subject to the provisions of the License and the Act and the rules thereunder, the Licensees shall be entitled during the continuance of this License to supply energy for all purposes and in bulk within the area of supply.

SYSTEM OF SUPPLY.

6. The system which may be adopted for the supply of electrical energy in pursuance of this License are the following:—

1. (a) A low pressure Alternating current 3-phase supply at a pressure not exceeding 230 volts between each phase and the neutral, at a frequency not exceeding 50 periods per second.

(b) A high pressure Alternating current 3-phase supply at pressure not exceeding 6,600 volts at a frequency of 50 complete periods per second Provided that the Licensees may from time to time with the previous consent in writing of and subject to such conditions as shall be prescribed in writing by the Government of Bombay adopt any other system of supply for the purpose of this License.

(c) The mains, distribution mains and service lines may be either underground or overhead provided first that nothing in this license shall be deemed to empower the Licensees to place aerial mains at a pressure exceeding medium pressure along, over or across any place, road, or street without the sanction in writing of the Government of Bombay, and of the Local authority and secondly that whenever and wherever required by the Government of Bombay such mains, distributing mains and service lines shall be placed underground if considered advisable by the Government of Bombay from the point of view of public safety.

(d) If the Licensees fail to comply with any of the provisions of this clause the License may be revoked.

AREA OF COMPULSORY SUPPLY.

7. (1) The works to be executed to the satisfaction of the Government of Bombay under clause IV of the schedule to the Act are the following viz: such works as may be required for the purpose of the general supply of electrical energy throughout such streets or parts of streets as are mentioned in the annexure first to this license and marked in red on the deposited map.

(2) If the Licensees fail to comply with the provisions of the sub-clause (1) the License may be revoked.

GENERATING STATION.

8. (1) The Generating Station may be outside the area of supply above referred to.

(2) As the Generating Station is situated outside the area of supply the Licensees may lay down or place electric supply lines for the conveyance and transmission of energy from the generating station to the boundary of the area of supply.

(3) The Transforming and Distributing stations shall be within the area of supply above referred to.

BREAKING UP OF STREETS AND CROSSING OF RAILWAY.

9. (a) The Licensees are hereby specially authorised within the area of supply to open and break up the soil of the Railway and to cross the Railway and to cross the Railway namely the Great Indian Peninsula Railway, but only at level crossings.

(b) The length of trenches to be opened in any street at any one time and the period for which they may remain open shall be determined from time to time by the Government or the Local Authority by which such street is repairable and when any trench in any street is opened not more than half of the width of such street shall without the specific authority in writing of Government or the Local Authority as aforesaid be closed for traffic.

LIMITS OF PRICE TO BE CHARGED IN RESPECT OF THE SUPPLY OF ENERGY.

10. The price to be charged by the Licensees for energy supplied by them shall not exceed those stated in that behalf in the second Annexure or in the case of a method of charge approved by the Government of Bombay in accordance with clause 10 of the Schedule to the Act, such maxima as the Government of Bombay shall fix on approving the method.

PURCHASE OF UNDERTAKING.

11. (1) The option of purchase given by section 7 of the Act shall first be excercisable on the expiration of 50 years from the commencement of this License and thereafter on the expiration of every subsequent period of 20 years during the subsistence of this License. The value of all lands buildings, works materials and plant of the Licensees to be paid for in accordance with the said section 7 of the Act shall be their market value at the time of such purchase which shall be determined in case of difference or dispute by Arbitration, due regard being had to the various matters mentioned in the first proviso set out in sub-section (1) of the said section 7 and there shall be added to such value so computed as aforesaid on account of compulsory purchase a sum equivalent to ten per cent. of the amount of such value.

(2) In accordance with section 3, subsection (2) clause (d) (11) of the Act it is hereby declared that the Transforming and Distributing stations to be used in connection with the undertaking shall form part of the undertaking for the purpose of purchase under section 5 or 7 of the Act.

ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE.

12. At any time after the commencement of this License the Licensees may, with the previous consent in writing of the Government of Bombay and subject to compliance with such conditions upon with such consent may be given, assign the License and transfer the whole of this undertaking in respect of which this License is granted (including all land, buildings, works, materials, and plant of the Licensees) to a Company formed and registered in the Presidency of Bombay in accordance with the laws for the time being in the force in British India or in England under any enactment relating to Companies for the time being in force there and having authority to take over this License and the said undertaking as the case may be and to exercise the powers and perform the obligations so imposed upon the Licensees under this Licensee and the Act and the Rules under the Act on such assignment and transfer the rights powers and authorities, obligations and liabilities of the Licensees shall be assigned and transferred to and shall be exercised by and shall attach to such Company formed as aforesaid.

FIRST ANNEXURE.

AREA OF COMPULSORY SUPPLY.

Bombay-Poona Road:—From Military Barracks at Khandala upto Saboo Sidik Sanatarium, Lonavala.

Old Khandala Road.

Sakhar Pathar Road with its two branch roads.

Lonavala Bazar Road with its three cross roads.

Bhangarwadi Road upto Bhangarwadi with its two branches.

Road leading to Tungarli Village upto the village.

Road connecting Lonavala Bazar to Bombay-Poona Road via Level crossing of the G. I. P. Railway.

SECOND ANNEXURE.

MAXIMUM CHARGES.

Clause 1.—The term "Unit" as used in this Annexure shall be deemed to mean the energy contained in a current of one thousand amperes flowing under an electromotive force of one volt during an hour.

Clause 2:—(1) For general supply purposes for lights, fans, heaters for Government Buildings, Railways commercial and business premises and religious and educational establishments, annas eight per unit subject to a minimum charge of Rupees four per month per meter excluding meter rent.

(2) For Hospitals for the same purposes as mentioned in (1) annas four per unit, subject to a minimum charge of Rupees four per meter excluding meter rent.

(3) For power purposes and purposes other than those specified above.

(a) Upto and including three Kilowatts annas four per unit.

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Clause 3:—When the total connected load of a consumer does not exceed one 25 candle power lamp the Licensees shall be entitled to supply energy without metering it at a maximum flat rate of Rupees two and annas eight per lamp per month provided that such consumers shall be supplied with energy for not more than five hours every day and that such consumers reside only on the Lonavala Bazar Road with its three cross roads and the Old Peth at Khandala.

Clause 4:—Without prejudice to anything in the preceding clauses of this Annexure or in Clause 10 of this License the Licensees may from time to time enter into a special contract either with the Municipality of Lonavala or the Great Indian Peninsular Railway Company or other large consumers for a supply of energy to the Municipality or Railway Company or other large consumers upon such terms and conditions and at such rates not exceeding the maxima charges hereinbefore specified as may for the time being be mutually agreed upon between the Licensees, and the Municipality or Railway Company or other large consumers provided that every such agreement shall have been previously submitted to and approved in writing by the Government of Bombay.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Decree and / Decretal Order of Reference passed on 30th November, 1927, in Suit No. 1867 of 1927 (O. S.) a Meeting of the Malaks of the Gopchar and Bhoye Swasthan Charity of Worli will be held at Nilkantheshwar Temple, 1st Pakhady, Worli, on SUNDAY, the 22nd day of April, 1928, at 4 p.m., under the Chairmanship of R. B. Patel, Esq., Acting Prothonotary of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, for the appointment of two additional Trustees of the said Charity.

The Malaks' attention is drawn to the Notice that will hereafter appear in the newspapers under the signature of Mr. R. B. Patel, Acting Prothonotary.

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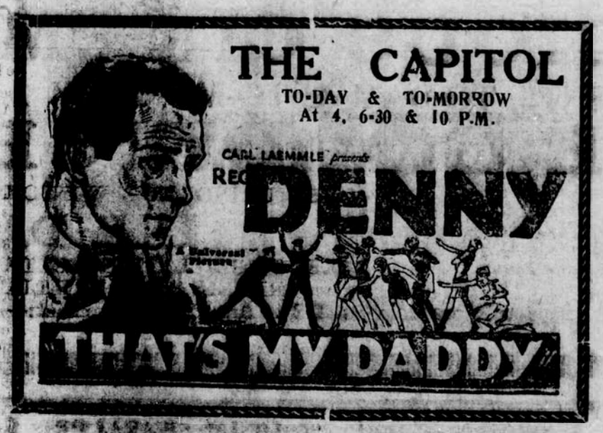

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MR. KENWORTHY ASKS FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE INQUIRY

AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE INVOLVED

LONDON, March 22.

Mr. Kenworthy pressed for the widest possible inquiry into the "Royal Oak" case, and referred to the possibility of the terms of reference of the court-martial being so narrowly drawn that the full facts might never be elicited. He had already heard a dozen different versions of what had happened. A principle of the highest importance involved was whether the naval personnel—perhaps the officer to-day but seaman, stoker or marine to-morrow—who preferred a complaint affecting the naval discipline should have the whole of the circumstances examined or only a mere act of laying the complaint.

Mr. Bellairs supporting said the form of the letter sent in by the Captain to the Commander was very unimportant compared with the truth of charges made. He said, "If the captain of a battleship costing six millions is unable to get a case stated justly what chance is there for a poor man on the lower deck?"—Reuter.

ADMIRALTY RETERMINED TO DO JUSTICE.

Mr. Beamish vehemently protested against Mr. Bellairs' action in mentioning the cheering incident. He said that any popular officer got something in the nature of a cheer when he left a ship. Mr. Headlam replying emphasised the Admiralty's determination that the courts martial should be carried out in spirit of the Navy and that the officers should be given full justice. Mr. Bellairs expressed his satisfaction with the statement.

The House of Commons agreed to report the stage of the Naval Estimates after defeat by 170 votes to 97 of the motion of Mr. Ammon for a reduction of a hundred sterling in respect of the Singapore base.—Reuter.

LADY BAILEY'S HOPES DASHED.

FURTHER FLIGHT NOT ALLOWED

LONDON, March 22.

Cairo.—Lady Bailey's hopes of continuing her flight to Cape Town were dashed to-day when Residency definitely informed her that she would not be allowed to resume a solo flight. It is understood that Lord Lloyd in response to her urgent request communicated again with the Governor-General of Sudan who was obdurate. Thus since her plane only provides accommodation for the pilot she must have an escorting machine if she desires to continue the flight. It is understood that the plane is locked in the hanger at Heliopolis.—Reuter.

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"COLONIAL SWARAJ OR INDEPENDENCE"?

MR. RANGA IYER ON INDIAN DELEGATION TO CANADA

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Mr. C. S. Ranga Iyer, one of the defeated candidates at yesterday's elections for the delegation to Canada, says that the Indian Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association has given a distinct lead to the Congress through the election of three shining lights of the Congress, to leave the path of impractical idealism and tread the road of co-operation leading to Colonial Swaraj under the shadow of the Union Jack. If however the Congress means independence and does not stand for Colonial Swaraj it should call on Congressmen to resign as Pandit Motilal was compelled to resign from the Skeen Committee.—A. P.

STARTLING DISCOVERY OF CALCUTTA POLICE,

EXISTENCE OF NOTE FORGERS UNEARTHED

CALCUTTA, March 22.

The Bengal C. I. D. are reported to have unearthed the existence of a big gang of note-forgers in Calcutta and the neighbouring districts and to have arrested seven persons in this connection. Notes worth Rs. 1,00,000 are reported to have been manufactured by the gang.—A. P.

ALL-INDIA HINDU MAHA SABHA

MR. N. C. KELKAR ELECTED PRESIDENT

NEW DELHI, March 22.

Mr. G. D. Birla having declined, for reasons of health, the Presidentship of the next session of the All-India Hindu Maha Sabha, which is to meet at Jubbulpore on the 6th, 7th and 8th April, Mr. N. C. Kelkar has been elected President.—A. P.

BRITISH POST OFFICE AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE

SUGGESTIONS FOR REDUCING ANNUAL DEFICIT

LONDON, March 23.

In an effort to wipe out the annual deficit of a million and a half sterling in post office and telegraphs, some drastic alterations in the telegraph service are recommended in the Hardman Lever Report notably, instead of the present flat rate penny word, new rates should be instituted based on a fixed charge of 13 pence plus a half penny every word with a rebate of threepence on each message filed during slack hours. The committee criticises slackness due to security of tenure and automatic promotion by seniority instead of merit. It advises reduction on the number of supervisors. general grading down of staffs and withdrawal of irritating restrictions like asking customers to fix their own stamps. It suggests that telegrams to Ireland be charged at foreign rates.—Reuter's Special.

SMUGGLING OF REVOLVERS

SCOTLAND YARD RAIDS SEVERAL DISTRICTS IN LONDON

LONDON, March 23.

Members of the Scotland-yard descended on several districts in London, including the docks, yesterday and found many bundles of revolvers and ammunition which are believed to have been dispersed from larger dumps when the smugglers learned that the police were on their track. It is stated that smuggling has been going on for several years and arms procured from the Continent destined for the Free State.—Reuter's Special.

FIRE IN ESUR VILLAGE

HEAVY DAMAGE ESTIMATED.

BANGALORE, March 22.

It is estimated that thirty-one lives have been lost and damage of eight lakhs of rupees caused by the fire in Esur village in Shakarpur taluk.—A. P.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST INDIAN BARRISTER

JUDGMENT OF GRAYS INN BENCHERS

LONDON, Mar. 22.

Honourable Benches of the Grays Inn who enquired into the allegations made by Lord Sumner presiding over the Privy Council against Dr. Abdul Majid, an Indian barrister practising in London, have passed judgment entirely exonerating Abdul Majid and finding that the statement made by Abdul Majid was "not a false statement deliberately made by him."—Reuter.

GENEROUS RESPONSE TO BRITISH LEGION APPEAL FUND

LONDON, March 22.

It is announced that the British Legion Appeal Fund has received £504,000 as a result of the poppy day appeal in 1927 including £63,891 contributed by the British communities overseas.—Reuter.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS

Khan Saheb Khan Muhammad Dost Muhammad is to act as Deputy Superintendent of Police in Sind vice Mir Maqbul Khan appointed to act as District Superintendent of Police, Nawabshah.

Mr. Y. A. Kadam, Head Karkun and a Magistrate of the Third Class in the district of Belgaum, is appointed to be a Magistrate of the Second Class in that district and is invested with the power to make order as to first offenders.

The services of Mr. J. R. Dhurandhar, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India in the Legislative Department with effect from the 1st April 1925.

Mr. G. R. G. Shipp is confirmed with effect from 17th July 1927 in the appointment of Deputy Superintendent of Salt and Excise in Sind vice Mr. E. L. Thurley appointed substantive Deputy Collector from that date.

Mr. R. W. Davies, I.C.S., on return from leave, to do duty as Assistant Judge, Nasik, pending further orders.

Mr. Syed Aminuddhin, I.C.S., to act as Collector of Thana during the absence of Mr. Muhammad Kadir Shaikh, M.B.E., on leave or pending further orders.

Mr. Allah Bakhsh Ansari to act as a Second Grade Deputy Collector in Sind vice Mr. Makhdum Nuruddin M. A. Siddiki proceeding on leave, pending further orders.

AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

The outlook during the week is favourable. The condition of standing crops is good. There was slight rain in Upper Sind Frontier. In parts of Surat, Poona and Dharwar there was deficiency of water-supply for irrigation, and that for drinking inadequate in parts of Bijapur, Dharwar, Kundgol Taluka and Jamkhandi State. Harvesting of rabi crops is in progress in some places. Supply of fodder and agricultural stock is generally adequate and the prices of food grains were stationery.

ALLEGED CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

ARREST OF EUROPEAN YOUTH

Robert Rhubottom, a young European, was arrested by the City Police on Thursday morning on a charge of criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 3,000 preferred against him by one Miss E. A. Fishman of No. 4, Waterloo Mansions. He was placed before Mr. S. S. Bagnekar, the Chief Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, and an application was made to remand him in custody as inquiries were yet incomplete.

It was alleged that the accused had agreed to buy a ring from Miss Fishman for Rs. 3,000, and had passed a cheque for the amount on the Lloyds Bank on the 5th instant after having taken the ring. The cheque on being presented at the Bank was dishonoured. The accused then put off the payment of the amount on several occasions. As those promises were not fulfilled, Miss Fishman informed the police who arrested the accused.

The Magistrate ordered the accused to be released on a bail of Rs. 4,000, Rs. 3,000 out of it to be deposited in the Court.

MURDER OF A SIKH WOMAN

17 YEAR OLD BOY TRANSPORTED FOR LIFE.

The trial concluded on Thursday before Mr. Justice Baker and a special jury at the High Court Sessions, of Kanhyalal Shamlal, a Punjabi boy of 17 years, on the charge of murder.

The accused who was living in a building at 3rd Bhoiwada, Bhuleshwar, went up to the room of a Sikh woman living in the same building. Finding her asleep, he began to remove her ornaments, whereupon she got up and in the scuffle that ensued the accused stabbed her with a knife. The woman succumbed to the injuries.

The jury having returned a verdict of guilty, his Lordship sentenced him to transportation.

The Governor and Lady Jackson will leave for Darjeeling on April 4.

His Excellency Sir Hugh Stephenson visited the Bihar College of Engineering and the Khuda Baksh Library.—

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World Cotton Situation

NEW YORK, LIVERPOOL & BOMBAY MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

IMPROVED 9 POINTS ON LOCAL BUYING—RELAPSED 15 POINTS ON FAVOURABLE WEATHER—RENEWED BUYING—FUTURES UNCHANGED TO 5 POINTS HIGHER.

New York, March 22.

The New York futures market opened steady and improved 9 points on buying by local houses. The weath map being favourable induced considerable long liquidation with a relapse of 15 points from the highest level. The offerings were well absorbed by trade and operators and prices later on rallied 8 points on renewed buying. The closing tone was very steady and the prices closed unchanged for near months and improved 5 points for distant deliveries.

The New Orleans futures market ruled steady and closed at a rise of 4 to 6 points. Spot prices remained unchanged at 19.43c.

After recent rise, prices are well held and all offerings on reaction theory are well absorbed. The undertone of the market is very firm and with any unfavourable weather report, we think prices will jump to higher level and advise to buy at present prices and on all declines.

Reuter:—"Market early was quiet but later after having suddenly declined on favourable weather, advanced on trade buying."

Theodore Price and Co.:—"Feverish Stock Exchange boom sustained cotton, but crop improving. Trade slack; advance illogical."

N. Y. JULY FLUCTUATIONS.

New York, March 22.

Previous Closing		19.26
10 a.m.	19.27 plus .01	Opening
10-20 a.m.	19.35 plus .09	Highest
11 a.m.	19.31 plus .05	
12 noon	19.29 plus .03	
12-29 p.m.	19.17 —.06	Lowest
3 p.m.	19.28 plus .02	Closing

PRIVATE CABLES.

Messrs. Langley and Co. have received the following cable from American friends dated 22nd instant:—

"Weather more favourable."

Gann's Cable:—

"Market is strong. There is no good selling yet. Buying is much better than selling. May cotton. Protect with stop-loss order 20 points under to-day's lowest."

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Mar. 22.

May	19.36—
July	19,28 plus .02
October	18.95 plus .03
December	18.85 plus .05
January	18.83 plus .05
Middling Spot	19.80

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Mar. 22.

May	19.05 plus .04
July	18.90 plus .06
Middling Spot	19.43

NEW YORK.

New York. 11 a.m.—
(As known in Liverpool at closing time).

New York, Mar. 22.

May	19.39
July	19.31
October	18.94
New York. Noon Call—	
May	19.38
July	19.29
October	18.95
New Orleans. 9-30 a.m.—	
May	19.04
July	18.89
October	18.57

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Mar. 22.

	Bales
Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports	10,000
Day's Exports to Great Britain	12,000
Day's Exports to the Continent	18,000

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

F. P. Bales.	1927-28	1926-27
Receipts to date 22-3-29	7260000	11602000
,, Yesterday do	10000	27000
Exports to date do	5455000	8584000
Stock at Ports 16-3-28	8187000	9616000
,, Interior Towns do	91600	1097000
,, Liverpool 16-3-28	886000	1491000
Visible Supply 16-3-28	4793000	6531000
Quantity in Sight do	12108000	16417000

LIVERPOOL.

OPENING DECLINED WIPED ON IMPRESSIVE DEMAND—SPOT DEMAND RATHER QUIET—SALES 7,000 BALES—FUTURES IRREGULAR—3 POINTS HIGHER TO 3 POINTS LOWER.

Liverpool, March 22.

The Liverpool futures market opened easy at a decline of 7 to 8 points in sympathy with over-night lower New York quotations and favourable weekly Government weather forecast. There was an impressive demand and considerable covering resulted in wipping out the decline. The market closed steady near positions 3 points lower while distant months improved 1 to 3 points. Spot demand being rather quiet sales amounted 7,000 bales and Middling American declined 6 points to 11.04d. per lb.

Empire futures ruled steady and closed unchanged to 1 point higher while strong demand for Egyptians caused a rise of 35 to 39 points.

PRIVATE CABLES.

Messrs. Patel Bros. have received the following cable from Liverpool dated 22nd instant:—

No precipitation, slightly warmer. Official forecast:—Western belt partly cloudy, all balance entire belt generally fair. SLIGHTLY FAVOURABLE.

Messrs. Thomas Smith and Co.'s report:—

We consider, hereafter, the prices will chiefly move with the weather reports. We repeat our opinion that unless a crop of 15 million bales is assured this season, a price of 18 cent for new crop will be considered reasonable and rock-bottom. We believe, the "short" side during the time of crop scares is dangerous and prefer purchases on every dip.

Hornby Hemelryk and Co" Liverpool:—Warmer weather but too dry in Texas still.

INDIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Mar. 22.

Scinde, Fully Good	8.30
Scinde, Fine	8.50
Scinde, Superfine	8.70
Bengal, Good	8.10
Bengal, Fully Good	8.30
Bengal, Fine	8.50
Oomra, Good	8.65
Oomra, Fully Good	8.90
Oomra, Fine	9.15
Broach, Fully Good	9.75
Broach, Fine	10.00
Broach Superfine	10.25

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Mar. 22.

March	20.44 plus .40
April	20.19 plus .35
May	20.19 plus .35
June	20.29 plus .36
July	20.30 plus .35
August	20.30 plus .35
September	20.29 plus .35
October	20.42 plus .34
November	20.37 plus .39
December	20.35 plus .39
January	20.17 plus .35
February	20.15 plus .35
March	20.12 plus .35
Sakellaridis, F.G.F. Spot	21.00 plus .40

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Mar. 22.

	Opening	Closing
March	10.53	10.54—.03
April		10.43—.03
May	10.37	10.39—.02
June		10.33—.01
July	10.24	10.27—.01
August		10.19
September		10.10
October	9.97	10.02 plus .01
November	9.97	plus .02
December	9.98	plus .02
January	9.89	9.96 plus .03
February	9.94	plus .03
March	9.93	plus .03
Middling Spot		11.04—.06

LIVERPOOL COTTON SALES.

Liverpool, Mar. 22.

	Bales
Sales at Liverpool	7,000
Sales on Speculation	200
Sales of East Indian Cotton	300

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS.

London, Mar. 22.

Total Bullion	£157,700,000
Public Deposits	£14,100,000
Other Deposits	£101,600,000
Government Securities	£32,900,000
Other Securities	£58,100,000
Notes and Coin	£43,000,000
Currency Notes Outstanding	£265,100,000
Ratio of Reserve to Liabilities	37.17 p.c.

BOMBAY.

CONSIDERABLE SELLING AND LIQUIDATION—ABSENCE OF BUYERS—CLOSED QUIET.

Bombay, March 23.

Following a small rise in New York futures the local market opened at Rs. 374-8 for Broach A.|M. delivery and declined to Rs. 372|8 on long liquidation. Liverpool opened easy at a decline of 7 points and rates in the local market at 4-30 p.m. were as under:—

F.G.M.G. Broach A.|M.	372	S	0
F.G.M.G. Broach J.|A.	377	0	0
Fine M.G. Oomra March	342	4	0
F.G.M.G. Bengal March	312	0	0

SEWRI MARKET.

Bombay, March 23.

The March Oomra and Bengal contracts ran out to-day and the settlement rates were fixed at Rs. 348 and Rs. 316 respectively. The forward market opened at Rs. 372|- and after improving slightly prices ruled quiet on selling by commission houses. Quotations at 6-30 p.m. were quiet as under:—

F. G. M. G. Broach A.-M .371|12.
F. G. M. G. Broach J.-A. 375|12.
Fine M. G. Oomra May 341|8.
F. G. M. G. Bengal May 311|8.
The Bombay Cotton Market will remain to-morrow owing to "Ramzan Id."

TENDERS.

Bombay, March 23.

	To-day.	Total.
F. G. M. G. Bengal Mar.	600	4,400
Fine M. M. G. Oomra Mar.	5,000	8,500

SAMPIN QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, March 23.

March	225.60	—3.20
June	231.70	—3.20
September	235.30	—2.70

DAILY ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 23.

Bengal 312 May
Broach 373 A/M
Broach 377 J/A.
Oomra 343 May.

SPOT RATE.

Bengal	337	330	323	316	308
S P	336	329	332	315	307
Rajutana	337	330	323	316	308
Broach		395	390	392	
P A		429	422	415	
Oomra No. 3	362	355	348	338	
C P No. 1	387	380	373	363	
C P No. 2	375	368	361	351	
Khandesh		350	340	330	320
Muthia			333	323	313

CLEARING RATE.

Bengal 313 Interest days	56
Broach 373 Interest days	56
Broach 377 Interest days	148
Oomra 343 Interest days	56

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, March 23.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY.

Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.
2 Days.

	This year.	Last year.
Khandesh	2,706	259,494	804,488
Central India	3,787	245,040	250,631
Barsi & Nagar	4,236	242,523	178,772
Hyderabad-Gaorani	1,021	96,283	62,318
Berar	6,794	532,264	512,309
Central Provinces	2,323	234,767	209,115
Total Oomras	20,867	1,611,280	1,517,633
Dholera	1,292	86,991	102,018
N.-W Provinces	40	61,703	53,415
Rajputana	673	34,988	35,741
Sind-Punjab	1,481	128,472	101,293
Broach	8,577	33,726	44,082
Coompta & Dharwar	1,771	10,443	33,534
Westerns-Northerns	601	4,911	15,359
Cocoanada			295
Tinnevelly & Cambodia		9,208	4,855
Persian		3,813	2,673
American	5,053	29,353	104,047
Egyptian & African	3,375	20,562	27,060
Comilla, Burma & other sorts		66	51
Total	43,730	2,035,466	2,042,256

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sepr. to 15th March

In full-pressed Bales.
Yesteray.

	This year.	Last year.
Europe	4,726	392,310	198,372
Japan & China	11,531	560,965	966,991
Coast Ports	359	16,160	9,242
Up-country by Rail		54,184	58,825
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China & Japan		71,831	63,029
Total	16,616	1,041,456	1,296,359

THE SEEDS TRADING ASSOCIATION.

Bombay, March 23.

Castorseeds Delivery May Opening 50/9, Highest 50/10, Closing 50/6

Cottonseeds Delivery May Opening 4/13/3, Highest 4/13/9, Closing 4/13/3.

Groundnut Seeds Delivery May Opening 58/10. Highest 58/11, Closing 58/8.

BULLION MARKET

(The Bombay Bullion Brokers' Association Ltd.)

GOLD.

Bombay, March 23.

Gold Ready	21 10 6
Chaitra	21 7 3
Vaishakha	21 7 0
Narandas Motilal Native Gold Bars Touch 96, 97, 98, 99	21 7 3

SILVER.

Ready	60 3 0
London Ready	26/
Forward	26 5/16
London and Shangha.	
Opening	2 7 1
Closing	2 7 1
New York Cent	57 3/4

	Op	Hi	Lo.	Closing
Chaitra	60/2	60/2	60/	60/1
Vaishakh	60/	60/	59/15	60/

Double option:—

Chaitra	Rs. 0 7 9
Vaishakh	Rs. 0 14 0

PRODUCE RECEIPTS.

Bombay, March 23.

Receipts of various raw produce into Bombay up to noon the 22nd inst.:—

Wheat	14,827 cwts.
Linseed	28,328 ,,
Rape, Rai & Mustardseeds	8,862 ,,
Gungellyseeds	3,318 ,,
Poppyseed	40 ,,
Groundnuts	34,870 ,,
Castorseed	34,431 ,,
Rice	4,520 ,,
Myrabollams	14,932 ,,
Cottonseed	29,103 ,,
Mowraseed	761 ,,
Gram	6,882 ,,
Joowar	5,594 ,,
Barley	349 ,,
Bajree	3,907 ,,
Coal	2,918 tons.

INDIA BUYS AMERICAN COTTON.

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee in their daily report state:—

The price is low enough for East India to resume buying in this country. We note that Bombay's total purchases during the past two weeks or so are estimated at 30,000 bales or more. The quantity is not statistically important, but the transaction is nevertheless highly significant. It is a striking thing that the South, paying wages of 2.50 a day to grow cotton, can sell it to East India, where the laborer is paid about 25 cents a day. If American cotton is cheap enough for India to buy, it is cheap enough for every spinner in the world to accumulate with the utmost confidence. Everyone remembers that last year Indian buying marked the turn of the price trend. Is it too much to say that it has done the same this year?—From Harriss, Irby & Vose's Conspectus of February 11 when New York-May was 18.17.

MONEY MARKET.

EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Mar. 23.

B. C. RATE—
T T 1|5 15|16 D D 1|5 31|32.
LONDON—
Banks Selling T T 1|5 31|32 to 15th April
Banks Selling D D 1|6.
Banks Selling T T 1|5 15|16 May
Banks Selling T T 1|5 29|32 Monsoon.
Banks Buying T T 1|6 1|32.
Banks Buying D D 1|6 1|16.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 1|6 9|32 March.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 1|6-1|4 April
NEW YORK—
Banks Selling T T 274.
Banks Buying T T 272-1|2.
Banks Buying D D 271-1|2.
Banks Buying 3 mos. 267-1|2.
PARIS—
Banks Selling D D 922.
Banks Buying D D 934.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 950.
JAPAN—
Banks Selling T T 129.
Banks Buying 60 Days 126.
HONGKONG—
Banks Selling D D 137-1|4.
SHANGHAI—
Banks Selling D D 174.
SINGAPORE—
Banks Selling D D 155-1|2.
JAVA
Banks Selling D D 90-3|4.
CROSS RATE—
New Yorw|London 488-1|8 22nd inst.
Shanghai|London 2|7 23rd inst.
Lodon|Japan 1|11 5|32 22nd inst.
London|Paris 12400 22nd inst.
London|Belgium 35.00 22nd. inst.
London|Switzerland 25.34. 22nd inst.
London|Italy 92.40 22nd inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange.—Dull.
Gold £4-4-11-1|2 22nd inst. £4-4-11-1|2 21st. inst.
Silver London Ready 26-1|2 22nd inst., 26-3|8 21st inst.
Silver London Forward 26-5|16 22nd inst., 26 3|16 21st. inst.
Silver New York Ready 57-3|4 22nd. inst., 57-1|2 21st inst.
London Discounts 3 Mos. 4-1|8 per cent 22nd inst.; 4-1|8 per cent 21st inst.
London Discounts 6 Mos. 4-1|8 per cent.; 4-1|8 per cent 21st. inst.
Imperial Bank rate 7 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 4-1|2 per cent.
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6 months 5 per cent.
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READY COTTON SALES.

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100 Japan T & Co. Barwaha 325
100 Currimbhai Palej 394
100 Currimbhai Hathras 313
100 Currimbhai Indore 339
100 E Spinner & Co. Karanja 360
100 Toyomankwa Sailu 325
100 Toyomankwa Jalgaon 317
100 Toyomankwa Darwaha 332
100 Tata & Co. Compth 409
100 Tata & Co. Bijapur 331
100 Tata & Co Purna 360
100 A Damodar & Co. Shegaon 330
100 Forbes & Co. Chailsgaon 298
100 Forbes & Co. Pachora 297
100 Toyomankwa Skahada 314
100 Toyomankwa Vambori 325

Saturday Ready and Market Holiday.

WHEAT—LONDON MARKET.

London, Mar. 22.

Rozario Santa, Fe, per 64 lb.—
March shipmment sellers 40|6.
Barletta Russo, per 63-1|2 lb.—
Mar|Apl shipment sellers 49|-.
Wheat, South Australian—
Afloat sellers 52|9.
Wheat, Choce White Karachi.—
May|June shipment sellers 53|-.

JAVA SUGAR—LONDON MARKET.

London, Mar. 22.

Java Sugar, Fine White, Dutch Standard No. 25,
C. and F. Calcutta.—
July|Sept per cwt. 14|3.
Oct|Dec per cwt. 14|4-1|2.
C. and F. Bombay.—
July|Sept. per cwt. 14|4.
C. and F. Karachi.—
July|Sept per cwt. 14|4-3|4.

LONDON PRODUCE.

London, Mar. 22.

Cottonseed, Bombay.—
Mar|Apl shipment paid £9-2-6.
Castorseed, Bombay.—
Mar|Apl shipment sellers £17-12-6.
Rapeseed, Toria, ton.—
Mar|Apl shipment sellers £18-10.

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Mar. 22.

Interest, Day to Day Loans 3-5|8 per cent.
Interest, Days' Market Loans 3 1|2 per cent.
Bank Bills, 3 months 4 3|32 per cent.
Bank Bills, 6 months 4 1|8 per cent.
Fine Trade Bills, 3 months 4 3|4 per cent.
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months 5-1|4 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Mar. 22.

Chartered Bank of I. A. and C. £21-5|8
Hongkong and Shaighai Bank (London Registered) £133--1|2.
P. and O. Banking Corporation £9-1|2.
National Bank £54.
Eastern Bank £7.
Funding Loan 4 per cent £90.
Conversion Loan £76-1|2.
Indian Loan 5-1|2 per cent £102-3|4.
Rupee Paper 3-1|2 per cent £56.
Indian Stock 3 per cent Sterling Loan £60-1|2.
Indian Stock 3-1|2 per cent Sterling Loan £70-5|8.
Consols £55-3|8.
War Loan 5 per cent £102-1|8.
Victory Bonds 4 per cent £93-3|4.

LINSEED.

London, Mar. 22.

Linseed, Calcutta, ton.—
Mar|Apl shipment nominal £17-15.
Linseed, Calcutta, ton.—
Apl|May shipment sellers £17-12-6.
Linseed, La Plata, c.i.f. ton.—
Apl|May shipment. Hull paid £15-7-6
Linseed, Bombay.—
Mar|Apl shipment sellers £18.

LINSEED OIL.

London, Mar. 22.

Linseed, Oil, naked, London, cwt.
April delivery paid 28|-.
Linseed, Oil, naked, London, cwt.
May|Aug delivery buyers 28|10 1-2

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Mar. 22

T T Berlin on London 20.41-3|8.
T T Amsterdam on London 12.12-3|8.
T T Brussels on London 35.01.
T T Madrid on London 29.00.
T T Milan on London 92.40.
T T Berne on London 25.34.
T T Paris on London 124.02.
T T London on Prague 164.75.

COFFEE—NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Mar. 22.

Coffee, Fair Rio, (No. 7 quality) Spot 16-9|16.

LONDON SILVER.

London, Mar. 22.

Silver—Market is quiet.
Spot ..... 26-1|2
Forward ..... 26-5|16

LONDON GOLD.

London, Mar. 22.

Bar Gold, Fine, per oz. £4-4-11-1|2

TRADE AND FINANCE.

SHARP RISE IN COTTON PRICES

WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS.

The money market exhibits a steady tone with call rate at 6-1|4 per cent. Trade demand shows a decline of Rs. 273 lacs, portion being attributable to Treasury Bill operations. Without perceptible change Sterling Exchange remains unaltered with buyers at 1s. 6d. Some surprise has been evoked that at the last bidding Government secured the full amount called for.

Bear covering has enabled the gilt-edged market to recoup some of its losses. 3-1|2 per cent. is quoted at Rs. 75-7 after having reached a low level of Rs. 75-4. With a fair volume of trading in Cotton Mill shares, most of the leaders show minor recessions.

Cotton prices registered a sharp rise in sympathy with improvement of American cotton. Yarn market experienced slack demand with off-take on a very small scale. Sugar market showed better demand for ready.

BOMBAY, March 23.

(From Special Correspondent).

MONEY:

The money market still exhibits a steady tone, the call rate standing generally 6-1|4 per cent. Although the trade demand shows a decrease of some Rs. 273 lacs a portion of this amount is doubtless attributable to Treasury bill operations, as set forth in the bank's statement. The additional crore of rupees borrowed last week by the bank against inland bills has been repaid. Increased funds are being required in connection with the financing of the Broach cotton crop. The following are the fixed deposit rates:—one month 5-3|4 per cent, two to three months 5-1|2 per cent. and six months 4-1|2 per cent. to 4-3|4 per cent.

The statement of the Imperial Bank of India as of the 16th instant 1928, shows an increase of Rs. 43.15 lacs in the cash balance now amounting to Rs. 11,50,40,000 as compared with Rs. 15.05 crores a year ago. The percentage of cash to liabilities is 13.37, an increase of 0.68 per cent. over last week. Loans, Inland bills discounted are down by Rs. 97.33 lacs and Rs. 144.94 lacs, while Cash credits are up by Rs. 21.59 lacs. Government deposits have declined by Rs. 91.38 lacs to Rs. 6.01 crores, while Other deposits have increased by Rs. 58.15 labs to Rs. 71.30 crores. The bank rate remains unchanged at 7 per cent.

Bear covering rather than any external influences has enabled the gilt-edged market to recoup some of its losses. 3-1|2 per cent. Paper is quoted again at Rs. 75-7 after having reached a low of Rs. 75-4. 1945-55 Loan kept steady at Rs. 106-4. 5 per cent. 1935 and 1933 Loans were unchanged at Rs. 101-4 and Rs. 102-4. 5-1|2 per cent. 1928 bonds are quoted at Rs. 105-4. 6 per cent. 1930 and 1931 bonds changed hands at Rs. 103-3 and Rs. 104-6 and 1933 at Rs. 105-13. 6-1|2 per cent. Bombay Development Loan remains stationary at Rs. 111-8. 4 per cent. 1960-70 Loan receded slightly to Rs. 87-12 and 1924-37 to Rs. 93-9.

The currency return of the 15th March 1928 shows an increase of Rs. 74-23 lacs in note circulation now standing at Rs. 186.13 crores. Silver coins are down by Rs. 28.80 lacs to Rs. 98.10 crores, while Silver Bullion under coinage is slightly up by Rs. 2.59 lacs to Rs. 7.61 crores. Gold coin and bullion remain unchanged at Rs. 29.76 crores. The metallic reserve ratio to circulation is 72.79 as against 73.21 a week ago.

Treasury bills have been in excellent demand. Six months' bills have met with favour that in consequence Government have increased the amount from Rs. 75 lacs to one crore. It is noteworthy to observe that during the coming month of September, 1928 Bonds to the extent of about 16 crores will mature, in addition to substantial amounts of Treasury Bills. This situation suggests the likelihood of a new and attractive loan by Government prior to that time in order that these obligations may be met.

EXCHANGE:

There has been no perceptible change in sterling exchange with rates unaltered. Buyers at 1s. 6d., however have been few. There have been the usual sales by exporters both here and elsewhere, while enquiry for remittances, especially bullion, has bettered somewhat. Some surprise has been evoked in the market by the fact that at the last bidding Government secured the full amount called for. The following are the forward rates:—March to 15th April 1s. 5-31|32d. 15th April to 15th May 1s. 5-15|16d; 15th May to September 1s. 5-29|32d., October|November 1s. 5-15|16d. and December 1s. 5-31|32d.

The dollar sterling quotation firmed during the week from Dol. 4.87-15|16 to Dol. 4.88-5|16 closing at Dol. 4.88-3|16. French francs, the Belga and the Italian lira were all unchanged at 124.01, 35.00 and 92.40 respectively.

GOLD.

Long operators in ready forced a sharp rise in the price of two annas to Rs. 21-10-3 per tola. Forward rates however, did not keep pace, registering an increase of only six pies. The contributing factors to the premium on ready over forward may be found in the brisker trading here and up-country, comparatively small arrivals and the maintenance of the off-take at 15,000 tolas. It is of additional interest to note that expected arrivals are being contracted for at a premium of some half an anna. Railed shipments to up-country have depleted stocks on hand to the neighbourhood of 1-1|2 lacs tolas, but heavier arrivals are anticipated at the end of the month. The quotation for gold in London was unchanged at 84s. 11-1|2d. The price of sovereigns remained steady at Rs. 13-7-6 both for ready and forward. In our market the highest and lowest rates were Rs. 21-10-3 and Rs. 21-8-3 for ready, Rs. 21-7-6 and Rs. 21-6-9 for 10th April settlement and Rs. 21-7-6 and Rs. 21-7-0 for 5th May settlement. The incoming mail is expected to bring £52,000 gold. Inclusive of these arrivals and exclusive of the present week's shipment the total visible supply from London to India is about £152,000. The total imports during the week amounted to Rs. 31,83,690 in bar and coin. This week's shipment from London is expected to be £69,600

SILVER.

Lively trading with mounting prices have featured thesilver market this week. This has come about as a result of the activities of bull operators. The market's technical position for the present has created a premium of four annas for near over forward. Sales for American account are unabated and the amounts involved are substantial. There is still nothing to report in connection with China banks. At the close, however, the market weakened somewhat on advices from Shanghai and bulls unloading. The daily offtake averages some 150 bars and with continued light arrivals stocks are further reduced to around 2,800 bars. The rate for T.T. on London in Shanghai was unchanged at 2s. 7-1|16d. The highest and lowest rates in London were 26-1|2d. and 26-3|8d. for ready and 26-5|16d. and 26-3|16d. for forward. In our market the highest and lowest rates during the week were Rs. 60-5 and Rs. 59-15 for ready and 10th April settlement and Rs. 60-2 and Rs. 59-14 for 10th May settlement. The incoming mail is expected to bring in £107,000 silver. Inclusive of these arrivals and exclusive of the present week's shipment the total visible supply from London to India is about £189,500. The total imports during the week amounted to 536 bars and Rs. 123,559 in coin. This week's shipment from London is expected to be £80,000.

SHARES:

There has been a fair volume of trading in cotton mill shares, but no interesting developments have occurred. At the close most of the leaders show minor price recessions.

The miscellaneous section has been more active, but price changes have been of little importance. Bank shares remained quiet.

YARN MARKET.

The Yarn market continues yet without any distinct improvement so far as the Indian yarns are concerned inspite of the very firm cotton position and although the undertone has been slightly more steady the demand is yet slack and offtake has been yet on a very small scale. It is indeed very surprising that inspite of such a firm to advancing cotton position there has been no real life in the local market and although our mills have been showing a very firm attitude als they ought to do in view of the present cotton position, the market is not affected and dealers have not been showing sufficient inclination to buy their requirements in large quantities, principally because inquiries from consuming Districts are yet limited and at prices which do not show any sign of encouragement. In case of Japanese and Shanghai Yarns the position is no doubt distinctly better and prices have advanced further to some extent on account of scarcity of stocks and small arrivals. In Artificial silk yarns market remains more or less unchanged with moderate demand. On the whole the undertone is slightly better than during the previous week and there have been more inquiries from consuming Districts but the rates offered are yet very low.

English Yarns.—Manchester prices have gone up further in sypathy with the rise in cotton but the local market is not in a position to pay higher prices and the forward bussiness therefore has been small and that too in single and twofold Egns of well known Brands. There has been some further rise in spot rates but replacing bussiness is quite impossible.

Japaneese Yarns.—Scarcity of stocks and small arrivals combined with the firm attitude shown by the Japanese Import Houses have been responsible for a further small rise in prices in stocks as well as in goods to arrive, but the turnover during the week has been rather smaller than during the previous weeks, on account of substantial rise in prices. Consuming districts have not been showing a keen interest to purchase at these rates and the offtake therefore is only moderate. Sampin have shown a further advance to a moderate extent whereas Exchange remains unchanged.

Art. silk yarns.—There has been nothing special to report and prices have moved within very narrow limits with moderate offtake.

Indian Yarns.—The general condition of the Mill industry is getting more deplorable particularly because there has been no advance in prices in yarns although there has been a rapid advance in cotton prices. In Coarse counts especially there has been comparatively smaller demand on account of very keen competition between local Mills as well as the up country Mills and although the Mills have been nominally quoting higher prices business is very difficult to bring about. Sales therefore by the Mills are very limited and at prices which are not considered satisfactory especially when cotton is so strong with tendency to advance. Demand from consuming Districts yet continues very moderate and reports received from several sources are yet very discouraging.

Whilst the future outlook is not satisfactory if cotton remains steady there will be some improvement but we do not expect an advance in prices similar to the advance in the raw material.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW.

The following is the weekly cotton market report issued by Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee on the 24th inst.:—

"After a spell of dullness lasting over two weeks the American market manifested some activity this week and ruled firm closing with a nett gain of 57 points. Early in the week the price advanced on speculative and spinners' buying influenced by excessive rains in the Eastern Belt and the strength in Egyptian cotton. This advance was followed by a moderate decline on the reaction theory and improved weather, but later the market continued to advance chiefly owing to the publication of the final Ginning figures which were construed bullish. At the advance realising has been in evidence. The highest price for the May position touched during the week was 19.55 on the 21st instant and the lowest 18.88 on the 16th instant, the range for the week being 67 points.

The Census Bureau announced on the 20th instant that the total Ginnings for the season have been 12,778,000 running bales equivalent to 12,950,000 bales of 500 lbs. This compares with 17,910,000 bales of 500 lbs. in 1926-27 and 16,086,000 bales in 1925-26.

Our local market also remained firm in sympathy with the foreign markets closing Rs. 5 higher but not to the same extent as America as the advance had been anticipated here last week. The Bazar operators and the option-dealers were buyers while the Japanese and Commission Houses were sellers. As the maturing date of options is approaching about the end of this month there is a tendency among the Bazar dealers to keep the market within narrow limits. The highest rate for Broach-A.-May, touched during the week was Rs. 377 on the 22nd instant and the lowest Rs. 369 1|2 on the 20th instant, the range for the week being Rs. 7 1|2. Yesterday's closing rate at 6-30 p.m. are:—

Broach-A.-May Rs. 371 1|2; Broach-J.-Aug. Rs. 375 1|2; Oomra-May Rs. 341 1|2; Bengal-May Rs. 311 1|2.

Arrivals of cotton from 1st September 1927 to 22nd March 1928 are 2,035,466 bales against 2,042,856 bales last year and Exports total 1,003,312 bales against 1,228,652 bales last year while the local Mills consumption during the same period is estimated at 453,500 bales. The Stock of Cotton in Bombay on the 22nd March is estimated at 905,238 bales against 590,844 bales same time last year.

The prominent factors at present are on the one hand more favourable weather, improving crop, slackness of trade in general, a fair increase in acreage and a bigger yield per acre owing to intensive cultivation, while on the other hand are the confirmation of the final Government estimate by the ginning figures issued this week, the satistical position which is claimed to be growing in strength helped by the fact that consumption continues its pace without much curtailment and hence a crop of over 15 million bales will be required this year, and the adverse weather and the Boll-weevil which the crop may have to combat in the coming months. The situation would thus appear to be about balanced for the present. While this state of the market continues and until speculation enters it or some new feature gives it an impetus, we would continue to favour operating on both the sides—selling in strong markets such as was evidenced during the week under review and buying in quiet and weak moments. It may however be remembered that on more than one previous occasion this year when New York went over 19 cents selling pressure was in marked evidence. Also with regard to the local market a bearish factor attracting attention is our large stock which is 905,238 bales as against 590,844 bales this time last year and 819,064 bales this time the year before last."

WEEKLY COAL REPORT.

During the week, a small quantity of Durban Navigation Natal Coal ex S. S. Megna has changed hands, otherwise the market is quiet and dull.

No Steamer is now discharging Coal in the stream, durin gthe wek under report, S. S. Goathland has finished the discharging of Coal

Steamers expected to arrive with Coal cargo.

24-3-28 S. S. Baron Minto.
25-3-28 S. S Suez Maru.
28-3-28 S. S. Hakuho Maru.
28-3-28 S. S. Lord Londondery.
10-4-28 S. S. Bellgrade.
16-4-28 S. S Larpool.

QUOTATIONS.

Quality	C. I. F.	Ex-Scales Darjkhans.
Cardiff all large 32/6 sh.		Rs. 26/
Northern Navigation 2/9		Rs. 19/4
Durban Navigation 25/6 sh.		Rs. 19/
Burnside Coal Mar./shipment 26 sh.		
Deshargarh Rs. 16/4		Rs. 17/8
Seebpore/Poniati Rs. 16/		Rs. 17/4
Victoria Baraloni Rs. 15/12		
Noonoodih-Jitpur & Jamadoba		Rs16/4

FREIGHT QUOTATIONS.

Steamers & for month of shipment	Rate of	Seeds 12 & 13 of Cwts.	Seeds 15 Cwts
HULL.			
March		17/6	18/6
Aurill		17/	18/
May		16/6	17/6
June		16/	17/
LONDON.			
April		17/	18/
LIVERPOOL.			
May		16/6	17/6
ANTWERP.			
June		16/	17/
Rotterdam.			
Hamburg.			
Bremen.			
GENOA.			
April		17/	13/
May		16/6	17/6
June		16/	17/
NAPLES LEGHORN.			
Trieste Venice.			
April		18/	19/
May		16/6	16/6
June		16/	17/

Market is steady. The following business has been reported during the week.

Pickeu Ports.—About 8000 tons were booked for April at 16/6 to 19/6 for 13 cwts and May 16/ to 16/3 for 13 cwts and 3/. More for seeds/Cotton.

Liverpool/Marseilles/Glasgow about 3000 tons were booked for April at 17/ for 13 cwts and 20/ for seeds/cotton.

Trieste/Venice about 700 tons were booked for May at 16/6 and April at 16/ for 13 cwts an 3/ more for seeds/cotton.

SUGAR MARKET.

We have to report a better market during the week so far as ready Sugar is concerned with fair demand and stronger advices from Java and the present stocks being held by strong holders prices both for ready and near positions have been advanced by nearly 4 annas per cwt. all round. While New crop has advansed only ane anna owing to Free selling by a Native Importer and practically there is very little business in same. The prices for April shipt. asked by Java is Rs. 9|12, while March is otainable at Rs. 9-5-0 We expect small rise in March, while New Crop will remain same.

Karachi has reported a rise of over six annas during the week in ready Sugars while New Crop has advanced only two annas with small business doing Calcutta ruled steady without any change in prices and small business doing

Java reported a rise of quarter gilder in Old Crop Sugars while New Crop Trust sold 150,000 tons at fifteen gilders.

American Terminals reported highest on the 19th inst. quoting 2.92, 3.01 and 3.05 for July|September and December and repoorter lowest on the 22nd quoting 2.86, 2.95 and 3.00 for same positons.

London Terminals reported highest on the 19th inst. quoting 15|9s. 15|10-1|2s. and 16|2-1|4s. per March|May and August and reported lowest on the 17th quoting 15|6s., 15|9s. and 16|3|4s. per same positions.

The following are the Bazar rates and stocks:

TMO ready Rs. 14-8-0 equal to 14|2s. F B Harbour stocks 170,000 Bags.
" March Rs. 9-5-0 equal to 14|2s F B Harbour.
" June|Sept. Rs.9-7-0 equal to 14|4s. F B Harbour.
" Oct|Dec. Rs. 9-10-0 equal to 14|7s. F B Harbour.

S. S. Dogra arrived from Java with 8000 bags.

SUGAR NEWS

Messrs, Drennan and Co., have received the following cable from our Liverpool friends dated, 22nd. March 1928.

"America cables Sugar believe Cuba anxious depress market until Beet sowings completed consider questionable whether can be done."

WEEKLY SHARE CIRCULAR

Messrs Lewis and Jones have isued the following weekly share circular dated 22nd inst:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

After last week's spurt of activity, this section of our market has once more lapsed into stagnation. Sellers are in evidence in nearly all descriptions but business is difficult to put through in the absence of buyers.

COTTON MILL SHARES.

This week's rise in cotton prices has provided no stimulus for cotton mill shares which on the whole close easier on the week. Cloth and yarn continue very dull markets with stocks continually growing and unless some change for the better takes place soon, mills must inevitably close down at last temporily. Meantim we expect mill shares may sag but those who hold sound shares should sit tight Kohinoors have receded some thirty points to 256/4 and it looks as if the earlier rise was much overdone.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Trading in this section continues on a moderate scale but the tendency appears somewhat uncertain and rates have rather a ragged appearance in some cases.

Bank shares.—Today's closing quotations indicate a somewhat easier tendency but fair turnover has resulted.

Cement shares.—A good business has transpired in Cements and the tendency looks steady. Futere prospects continue bright and we expect active dealings throughout the year.

Manganese shares.—As indicated in our last report, Shivrajpurs and C. I. M. S. again close easier at 42 & 20/8. The latest report of the former company which recommends a dividend of 30 per cent as against 70 per cent for the previous year indicates a poor trading season and considerable weakening of the cash reconices of the congary on this basis we cannot be optimistic regard the C. I. M. report.

Shipping shares.—Heavy sales of Scindias have caused a drop in the quotation from 19/10 to 17/10. In sympathy, Bombay Steam are lower.

Engineering shares.—The publication of a balance sheet by Alcock Ashdown easily disproving all the optimistic rumours in circulation for some time past has had no effect on the share, in fact, at 302/8, it is fictually higher on the week. We put this down purely to market manipulation and the share should be left alone. A few MacKenzies have been done at 342/8. Tata Constructions are steady at 65/8.

Iron and Steel shares.—The shares of a all three companies interested in this business continue quiet at about last week's quotations.

Electricity shares.—In this section the tone has been rather subdued with nothing special to report. Karachi Electrics after changing hands at 131 are now on offer at 125.

MILL STORES.

(MESSRS. MAGANBHAI AMIN & CO. BOMBAY.)

Bombay, March 23.

Current prices of sizing ingredients and heavy chemicals.

	Per Ton. Rs. a. p.
China clay, best quality	78 0 0
China, clay, bazar quality	68 0 0
	Per Cwt.
Farina supra (Dutch)	12 4 0
Epsom Salt	3 10 0
Sago Flour 1st quality	9 4 0
Sago Flour, market quality	9 0 0
Maize Starch, Continental	10 14 0
Dextrine (Potato White	16 4 0
Zinc Chloride German	16 0 0
Magnesium Chloride German	4 2 0
Australian Mutton Tallow, white	32 4 0
Vegetable Tallow, Good quality	30 0 0
Vegetable Tallow, Market quality	24 0 0
Turkey, Red Oil, concentrated	45 0 0
Turkey Red Oil, 50 per cent. Guararteed	22 0 0
Turkey, Red Oil, 50 per cent. Market quality	16 8 0
Bleaching Powder, United Alkali small Pkg.	9 0 0
Bleaching Powder, United Alkali Large Pkg.	8 0 0
Bleaching Powder, Electro (German) Small	8 14 0
Bleaching Powder, Electro (German) Large	7 14 0
Sodium Sulphide, English Small Pkg.	8 12 0
Sodium Sulphide, English Large Pkg.	8 4 0
Sodium Sulphide, German Small	8 8 0
Sodium Sulphide, German Large Pkg.	8 2 0
Sodium Sulphide Japanese Small	8 2 0
Bichromate of Potash Small Pkg.	30 8 0
Soda Ash	7 2 0
Bichromate of Soda, Small Pkg.	25 0 0
Brown Sugar of Lead Small Pkg.	34 0 0
Litharge Flake Small Pkg. (French)	24 8 0
	Per lb.
Aniline Salt Electro	0 6 3
Antimony Salt	0 5 6
Hydro Sulphide B.A.S.F.	0 10 1
Hydro Sulphide, English	0 9 0
Acetic Acid	0 6 7
Formal-de-hyde	0 6 0

Bombay, March 23.

Quotations are:—

	Rs. a. p.
Healds—15/40-32 to 56s	1 2 0
Healds—15/40 28s.	2 10 0
Reeds steel—32 to 56s.	0 2 3
Reeds steel—28s.	0 2 0
Elastic Healds	17 0 0
Wire Healds	3 0 0
	per yard.
Cloth Roller—16 oz. Kenion	7 8 0
Cloth Rollers—18 oz. Kenion	8 8 0
Flannel Sizing-Plain-56 "	3 6 0
Flannel Sizing-Twill-56 "	3 8 0
Flannel Sizing-Plan-72 "	3 12 0
Flannel Sizing-Twill-72 "	3 12 0
Flannel Endless	3 6 0
	per pound
Bandings—card-rim—scroll	0 12 0
Bandings—Tubular No. 2s.	1 8 0
Bandings—Tubular No. 3s.	1 10 0
Bandings Spindle 3 ply.	0 15 6
Rope Lambeth-1-1/2 & 1-3/4	1 6 0
	gross
Pickers No. 4	60 0 0
	Dozen.
Picking Sticks	5 8 0
	Gross.
Bobbins—Subbings—Japan	36 0 0
Bobbins—Rovings—Japan	20 0 0
Bobbins—Conical-5" Japan	7 8 0
Bobbins—Ring-5" Japan	7 8 0
Bobbins—Ring-6" Japan	8 0 0
Bobbins—Weft-5 3/8" Japan	6 0 0
Bobbins—Weft-6" Japan	6 4 0
Bobbins—Sub. Skwers	11 8 0
Bobbins—Rovings Skwers	9 8 0
	Feet.
Fillets—Emery	0 2 3
Fillets—Cylinder-Doffer	0 10 6

LONDON RUBBER.

London, Mar. 22.

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JUDGES SURPRISED, CURES MIRACULOUS.

AN EXPERT PHYSICIAN NOW ESTABLISHED IN BOMBAY.

Rai Bahadur K. K. JUDGE, S. C. Court, Lucknow, writes :—

I am very grateful to you for your successful treatment of my nephew Shiri Ram His condition was certainly serious when it was decided to place him under your treatment. Both his lungs were affected and he showed signs of incipient inflammation of the brain. I have been much impressed with the care and skill with which you have treated him. Under your treatment all the alarming symptoms gradually disappeared and his condition was restored to the normal. Your treatment of my brother-in-law M. Raghuberdyal for Glaucoma has brought him great relief from pain which was of a most excruciating kind. (Sd.) KR. SHNA KUMAR.

P. Shyam Manoharnath Sharga, Subordinate JUDGE, Lucknow, writes :—

I have great pleasure in informing you that my grand daughter who was suffering from consumption of the bowels and whom Allopathic treatment of the most competent doctors had done no appreciable Good recovered surprisingly under your treatment and she seems to be perfectly healthy now.

(Sd.) SHYAM MANOHARNATH SHARG A

Mr K. B, Seth, District and Sessions JUDGE. Sundarbagh, Lucknow. writes :—

I am very glad to say that my child Ranbir Bihari Seth who has been under your treatment for the last more than a year has completely recovered. I am extremely grateful to you for your careful and skilful treatment of the child. I tried other systems too, but the result was not satisfactory. I would not have written this letter but for the fact that your system of treatment has proved to be miraculously successful and I am gratefully glad to say that the child got. I should say instantaneous relief. I really admire the superiority of your skill, attention and system of treatment, (Sd.) KUNJBEHARI SETH.

P. Surajnarain Bahadur, Retired SUB-JUDGE, Lucknow, writes :—

It is quite pleasing to me to inform you that your Homoe-treatment has really proved wonders in curing me of the disease I was suffering from. Since I took your medicines I am feeling well and pay many thanks for this. Your treatment of other relations of mine also deserves thanks for your skill and attention.

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TOWARDS A BRIGHTER BANDRA

GOVERNOR INAUGURATES ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME

BETTER LIGHTING---A PROTECTION TO LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS

(From Our Correspondent.)

BANDRA, March 23.

Beneath a coloured canopy of electric lamps supplemented by floodlights, a distinguished and large gathering witnessed His Excellency Sir Leslie Wilson press the switch that set Bandra streets aglow with electric lights. The function was no doubt unique for Bandra and guests poured in. Among them were noticed Sir Vasantrao Dabholkar, Messrs. Frank Oliveira, F. C. Annesley, J. P. D'Quadros and D. J. Ferreira and Rev. Frs. D. D'Sa, J. J. Dias.

His Excellency's arrival was heralded by the St. Andrew's Boyscouts' yell and the playing of the National Anthem by the St. Ceecilia's Orchestra.

Mr. Leo Rodrigues, President of the Municipality and Mr. Bharucha welcomed His Excellency. After the usual formal introduction of the Municipal Board and the engineers of the Licence Companies, Sir Leslie was conducted to the decorated dais.

Then, in requesting His Excellency the Governor of Bombay to perform the inauguration ceremony of Street Lighting with electricity in Bandra to-day, Mr. Leo Rodrigues, gave a resume of the history of the electrification scheme.

HISTORY OF ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

In the course of his speech, he said:—"Twelve long years have passed, during which the residents of Bandra have felt the sense of a 'Pisgal sight' into the promised land of electricity, since the early months of 1916, when the Municipality was first confronted with the idea of street-lighting by electricity. The history of the Electrification scheme from that year has been a series of disappointments. In 1920, the Municipality was granted a license by Government for the control of electricity, but Bandra was yet not ready for it, owing to financial stress, and the license was surrendered to Government in 1922. With the granting of the Bombay suburban License in May 1926 to Messrs. Killick Nixon and Co. and Callenders Cable Co. (the present Licensees) prospects seemed to be brighter but Bandra was doomed to disappointment till June 1927, when prompt and decisive measures were taken by the General Board of the Municipality and a Special Electricity Committee of Municipal Councillors was appointed to consider the Joint Licensees' proposals regarding street-lighting. The seven months of strenuous work that followed have been crowned with success, and I am glad to say that the agreement was finally adopted last month. By it, the Licensees have agreed to complete the whole scheme by 1930, and have taken upon themselves the whole capital cost of the installation. They will start on their programme from to-day by lighting 475 lamps more or less in the compulsory area, and the programme will be further extended by adding 200 lamps during 1928 and about 150 during 1929-30. by which year the whole of the Municipal area will be covered by electricity. As a result every village, road and by-lane will be lit up to the satisfaction of all ratepayers, rich and poor.

GAIN TO MUNICIPALITY.

Financially from our stand point too, the scheme promises to be a success. By the end of the year 1929-30, the full programme will be completed by having 825 electric lights of 60 and 100 watt capacity. The annual bill payable to the Licensees will be about Rs. 44,000. Assuming that we hda not taken electricity but continued our present system of street-lighting partly by gas, kitson lights and kerosene oil lamps, the annual bill for the same would amount to Rs. 48,000 in the very least. This expenditure of Rs. 44,000 on electricity is really justified. Besides the form of lighting would be quite uniform far more efficient, and certainly more aesthetic than the present system. Like the magician of yore in the tale of Alladin and the wonderful lamp the Licensees have exchanged our old lamps.

Bandra is taking her place in the steady march of progress and is trying to equip herself to be the residence of the Governor of Bombay in the near future.

Your Excellency, it is my proud privilege to-day to ask you in the name of the Municipality of Bandra to inaugurate the Bandra Electrification Scheme by pressing the button and switching on the lights that are to make Bandra brighter and happier.

His Excellency then declared the opening of the street lighting by switching on the current.

INDUCEMENT TO SUBURBAN RESIDENTS.

On behalf of the Licensees of the Electrification Seheme, Mr. F. C. Annesley made a speech in the course of which he said:

It gives me special pleasure to be present at this Ceremony to-day in the capacity of representative of my firm and Messrs. Callender's Cable and Construction Company, Limited, the Joint holders of the Bombay Suburban Electric License. The advantages of electric energy obtainable at what I certainly consider to be a most reasonable sale price for a suburban district are so well-known that I do not need to take up your time by enumerating them, but electricity is a bright, clean and non-odourous illuminant, the last two qualifications being such as can hardly be claimed for either gas or kerosene even by their most ardent supporters. The source from which we derive the electricity for distribution is of course the Tata Hydro Electric Companies for which Bombay in its many activities has to thank the foresight of that pioneer of Indian Industry, the late Mr. J. N. Tata.

TOWARDS A BRIGHTER BANDRA

SIR LESLIE WILSON'S SPEECH

In the course of his speech at the inauguration of the Electric Street Lighting at Bandra on Friday. His Excellency the Govenor of Bombay said: —

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I am very grateful to you and to the people of Bandra for inviting me to come here this evening to share your pleasure at the completion of the first stage of your electric lighting programme, which marks an important step in your endeavours to create a brighter Bandra, and I am particularly glad that you have included me amongst those who are interested in the welfare of this growing and progressive suburb of Bombay.

That it will be profitable to the Municipality and the people of Bandra there can, I think, be no doubt. As you have pointed out, the use of electricity will result in an actual saving in money in street lighting alone, but there are other indirect benifits which cinnot be measured in terms of money. Light has always been associated with goodness, and darkness with evil, and the better lighting of the streets and lanes of Bandra will be a very considerable help and protection to all law-abiding citizens, for there is nothing that the criminal fears, more than light, and both your streets and your houses will be made safer by the greatly improved illumination provided by electric light.

DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

Turning now from the subject of light to a very different subject, that of drains, I find that over twenty years ago Government announced that policy of making grants-in-aid to Municipalities for drainage schemes at 50 per cent of the cost. The reason for this was that it was then difficult to get Municipalities to introduce sanitary improvements, and the offer was made to them as an inducement to proceed The policy was successful, and by 1909 Government had already made grants of nine lakhs of rupees, and had undertaken to make other grants of about twelve lakhs. Had the Bandra Mnicipality come forward at that time, I am sure they would have been equally generously treated, but in the last twenty years conditions have changed. There is now a strong demand from the public for such improvements, and to-day we have in progress, or immediately in view, schemes by local bodies estimated to cost nearly two crores of rupees, as compared with about forty lakhs in 1909. The demand for modern amenities on the part of the public has now outrun the resourses both of local bodies and of Government, and we have been compelled to modify our policy so that now such schemes are either financed by local bodies by raising loans on their own credit, and executed by them, or, if they are carried out by Government ageney, we make a grant equivalent to the estblishment and tools and plant charges amounting to 28 per cent. of the estimated cost. I am afraid, therefore, I cannot undertake to put back the hands of the clock to the year 1909, but I can assure you that any scheme you may submit to Government will be treated not less generously than the schemes of any other Municipalities are to-day

WATER-SUPPLY.

With regard to your water supply, I am informed that, when the Bandra water supply scome was taken over by the Development Department in January 1926, you were paying 12 annas per thousand gallons while the Development Department is now charging you the considerably lower sum of 8 annas The Development Department in its turn obtains the water from the Bombay Mnicipality under a ten years' agreement, which has only a few more years to run, and the conditions on which you will obtain this water in future will depend on the conditions on which Government are able to renew their agreement with the Municipality. The alternative would be, if you consider the rates unduly high, to seek some other spurce of supply for Bandra, but I am not sufficiently familiar with the local conditions to offer any opinion as to the desirability of such a course.

The introduction of electric light will add greatly to the amenities of Bandra as a residential area, and I am glad to know from previous visits here that other facilities, particularly educational facilities so important to those city workers who have brought their families to live here, are being gradually provided to an increasing extent The prosperity of Bandra seems to me to depend upon its maintaining its reputation as a pleasant and clean suburb, and it is for those who have its welfare at heart to see that, as house building goes on, correct building regulations are colously maintained, for, if once overcrowding commences here, your town will lose its truly suburban character, and the health and hppiness of your people is bound to suffer.

After this His Excellency was garlanded and a hearty vote of thanks was given by Mr. Bharuch.

Then as if the Licensee Companies realized that the road to the heart of a consumer is through his stomach, the guests repaired to an Epicurean repast and regaled themselves with ices and iced cholas.

PRESIDENCY INFANT WELFARE LEAGUE

AN YEAR OF PROGRESS

The Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Presidency Infant Welfare League was held on Friday evening, Lady Wilson presiding.

Mrs. Clayton at the outset moving the adoption of the report said that the League had made immense progress during the last year and had done considerable work in the direction of maternity welfare. The death rate among children was considerably less and on the whole the year was an yerr of progress. They were fortunate in enlisting the sympathies of such institutions as the Port Trust and Cotton Association. She believed that extensive work in this direction required adequate funds.

The report showed that 474 mothers were tended compared to 343 in the preceding year. Death rate among babies was 88 per 1000.

The Port Trust had sanctioned the scheme in consultation with Government to open a "Centre and Maternity Home" in the midst of Port Trust chawls. A similiar centre is also to bb opened in the vicinity of the Cotton Green, thanks to the Co-opration of the Bombay Cotton Association.

Mr. Saklatwalla in seconding the adoption said that it was fratifying to note that ther was more income and less expenditure during the year under report.

Mr. Dinshaw, seconded by Mrs. Tyabji proposed the re-election of Lady Cowasji Jehangir, Mrs. F. H. Vakil and Mrs. Sirur who retire by rotation. They were accordingly re elected.

With the usual votes of thanks the meeting terminated.

HAPPY NEW YEAR BEGINNING

SACRED THREADS FOR 700 UNTOUCHABLES"

Seven hundred "untouchables" were divested with the "Sacred thread" on Thursday morning, at the Damoder Thackersey Hall by the Social Equality League (Samaja Samat Sangh) with a view to remove the stigma of untouchability on them, and raise them to a higher status in the Hindu society. The ceremony was perfouned particularly on that day, it being the Maharastrian New year Day, before a large cosmopolitan gathering which included several leaders of the League. One welcome sight of the times in the gathering, was the presence of orthodox Brahmins who took an active part.

PARSI GLOBE CYCLISTS

TO-DAY'S PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting will be held at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S. T.), in honour of the three Parsee Globe Cyclists.

"AT HOME" BY AUXILIARY FORCE

The Parsi Company of the Bombay Battalion, Auxiliary Force, will be "At Home" to the three Parsi cyclists at the premises of the Auxiliary Force Club, Dhobi Talao at 3-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday). The Commanding Officer of the Bombay Battalion, Auxiliary Force, has kindy consented to give his patronage and preside.

BOMBAY CITY AND SUBURBS.

ENGAGEMENTS.

TO-DAY.

Ramzan Id (Mahomedan Holiday): Banks closed.

The s.s. "Rampura" with the English mails sails at 1 p.m.

Public meeting to honour Parsi World Cyclists, Sir C. J. Hall, 5 p.m., Hon. Sir C. Jehangir presiding.

Id prayers, the Esplanade Maidan, 8 a.m.

Aga Khan Hockey: A. C. Muslim H. C. vs. Police 4-15 p.m.—Poona Rangers vs. St. Xaviers' College, Bombay Gym. ground.

Marwari Agarwal Conference, Madhav Bag, 12 p.m.

SUNDAY, March 25.

Marwari Agarwal Conference, Madhav Bag, 12 p.m.

MONDAY, March 26.

Bombay Vigilance Association annual general meeting, Y. M. C. A. Hall, Woodhouse Road, Fort, Hon. Sir C. V. Mehta

POSTAL NOTICES.

Superscribed Mails for Singapore and Japan per s.s. "Indo Maru" will be closed at the General Post Office at 6-30 p.m. on Sunday, the 25th instant.

CITY'S MORTALITY.

The following is a statement showing the total mortality from 6 a.m. of Thursday to 6 a.m. of Friday:—

Small-pox attacks 10, deaths 5; Cholera attack nil, death nil; Plague attack nil, death nil; Influenza attack nil, death 1. Total Mortality (Exclusive of Stillborn) 87. The total mortality this day last year was 89.

PROF. JIBAWA'S SHOOTING FEAT.

There will be an exhibition of several wonderful shooting feats by Prof. Jethsinghji Jibawa under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Congress Committee on "Viller Villa" tennis court, Santa Cruz, to-morrow (Sunday), at 5 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

INDIAN SPIRITUALISTIC SOCIETY.

Under the auspices of the Society the weekly discourse and instruction class followed by experiments in clairvoyance will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 51, Govardhandas Khatau Building (4th floor) Girgaon, at 9 a.m.

ASSAGAO UNION.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Assagao Union will be held to-day (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m. at the Instituto Luso-Indiano Hall, Dabul.

NARIMAN PURSE FUND. COMMITTEE.

There will be a meeting of the Nariman Purse Fund Committee to-day (Saturday), at 4 p.m. (S. T.), in the Servants of India Society Hall. Members of the Committee and those who want help the Committee are requested to attend the meeting.

BUDDHA SOCIETY.

The usual fortnightly class of the Society will be conducted by Mr. V. S. Vyavaharkar, to-morrow (Sunday), at 9-30 a.m. (S. T.), at Nair Building, Sandhurst Road. The subject for the class will be "The Lord Buddha".

MARWARI SUDHARAK CONFERENCE.

The first sessions of the above Conference will meet at the Bhangwadi Theatre, Kalbadevi Road, to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday) at 8 a.m. (S. T.). Seth Jamnalalji Bajaj will preside.

SAT RASTA ARYA SAMAJ.

A Bhajan will be celebrated in the above Hall by Lala Ramji, Pracharak Suddhi Sabha, Agra to-day (Saturday), at 7-30 p.m. (S. T.).

GEETA CLASSES.

Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Mission will conduct a public class on Bhagavat Geeta in English at the General Educational Society's English School, Dadar, to-morrow (Sunday), at 8-45 a.m. (S. T.).

The Swami will also conduct another public class on Bhagavat Geeta in English at Dr. Chhottalal's Bungalow, Borivli the same evening at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.).

BAND AT KING'S CIRCLE GARDENS.

The Jackson Orchestral Associations' Brass Band will play a programme of music, to-morrow (Sunday) at King's Circle Gardens' Bandstand, Matunga, at 5-45 p.m. (S. T.).

LATEST COTTON QUOTATIONS

(Through Cotton Telegraphic Information Service, 375, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.)

JULY.

NEW YORK.

	March 23.
Previous Closing Rate	19.28
To-day's Opening Rate	19.18
Difference	—.10
To-day's Closing Rate	19.11
Difference	—.17

LIVERPOOL.

	March 23.
Previous Closing Rate	10.27
To-day's Opening Rate	10.21
Difference	—.06
To-day's Closing Rate	10.18
Difference	—.09

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Under the Clock

(BY SIMPLEX.)

Saturday, March 24.

With this eyes fixed on the remote future, the Finance Member says that one day India will, out of her abundance, be investing capital abroad. Not to deny himself a little of the honour, he declares that the tendency exists already for India to invest money overseas. I guess what he means, but the Butler Committee is likely to regulate this outflow of capital.

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The police do not regard the pandemonium on Thursday at Bori Bunder seriously. When the Marwaris met they behaved like Bulls and Bears.

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The gossip writer of an English paper discovers that Mr. G. K. Chesterton has removed his moustache. He was recently asked to ride and keep fit, and it is presumed he is doing his best to reduce his weight.

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For a week Dr. Subharoyan was called Sole Minister of Madras. Right against his face was the sole of Lord Goschen's boot.

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"Man clinging to post" are the small headlines of a contemporary. It refers to a man who committed suicide on a lamp past. It has nothing to do with the Sole Minister clinging to his post. Political suicide, all the same.

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In airing unsolicited opinion on Afghanistan, the Maharajah of Burdwan talks of "our ally." The spirit of his youth has apparently re-possessed the Maharajadhiraja—the King of Kings! I hope no one will grudge me repeating the story. Those who have heard it may skip over the next paragraph.

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When young, the Maharaja was not wiser than he is now. Like a mighty potentate he delivered a speech before a crowd of his patient tenants, rigged out for the occasion. Aping the manner of Tsars and Emperors he told them: "My relations with foreign Powers continue friendly." Noticing the quality of the man, officialdom took him up. Some day he dreams of being the Governor of a province, and of course he will judged by his consistent performances in the meanwhile.

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Raja Raghunath Prasad Singh, whose name is no douht a household among his relatives in Behar, has volunteered a touching appeal on behalf of the Seven carpet baggers from England:—

Sir, apart from the objections to the constitution of the Commission, there can be no denying the fact that the Commissioners are our guests, though uninvited, and it behoves us, orthodox Hindus particularly, to give them all the amenities to which a guest is entitled.

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They are here uninvited, unwanted; and they have been busy with our cash and in our pantry. Behar burglars please note the noble Raja's notion of guests, "though uninvited."

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Headlines from a Lahore paper:—

TUKAJIRAO MILLER WEDDING CONSUMMATED.

I see nothing in the message to warrant the subtle headline.

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A special correspondent in the "Sanday Times" says that some members of the Royal Commission were the guests of Sir Michael O'Dwyer for a week before leaving England. The right man for initiation, a veritable Gamaliel!

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I read that the members of the Commission have learnt to talk of Indians as "natives." That's what their masters took them out to the villages for. More:—

The cordiality of Punjab's welcome may be gathered from the fact that each member of the Commission is protected by two Sub-Inspectors, five constables and eight plain clothes men making a body guard of 17 policemen.

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When a Commissioner takes snuff, all seventeen of them are instructed to sneeze. The Commissioner after finishing his pinch, asks: "What's that, I hear Chi, Chi." The reply is given by two sub-inspectors, five constables and eight plain-clothes men: "Nay, ji huzoor, it is the shout of the people crying Jai, Jai."

"Wonderful welcome, wonderful!" murmurs the Royal Commissioner.

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And a trained jackal of a reporter wires:—

"Yesterday at Gustipur, Viscount Burnham and Major Attlee received an address from the Gustipur local board. Long before the party arrived the Chairman and members sang an Urdu song entitled 'Simon, come soon.' When the Commissioners arrived, the members insisted on seating them upon their own serried backs. The Commissioners laughingly obliged, while the Chairman read the address. The cries of jai, jai rent the air. . . ."

So goes the tale of welcome.

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"Mummy, do you say 'It is me' or 'It is I'?"

"Always remember the rhyme: 'It is I,' said the spider to the fly."

"I see but couldn't you say 'It is me,' said the spider to the flea"

BOMBAYS NEW SOLICITORS

The following is the list of successful candidates in the solicitors' examination of this year:—

(1) F. D. Delwadawalla, (2) Kantilal T. Desai, (3) V. R. Divekar, (4) P. G. Lakhani, (5) Jaswantrai Matubhai, (6) B. P. Sethna, (7) C. C. Shah, (8) G. M. Shukla.

TO-DAY'S RADIO PROGRAMME.

6-30 p.m.—Indian Programme. Mr. Lalitji. Musings on Kalapi's Love Lyrics. Rasiklal Vin—Vocal Music.

7-30 p.m.—Interval.

9-0 p.m.—Weather Report and News Bulletin. Market Prices.

9-20 p.m.—Agricultural Talk "Co-operative Implement Societies and their Work in the Nagar District". By Rao Saheb B. P. Vagholkar, Director of Agriculture, S. C. D., Poona. A Military Band Night. Sidney Harold, Baritone. The Band of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Under the direction of Mr. J. W. Henwood. By kind permission of the Officer Commanding.

9-30 p.m.—The Band. Overture "Zampa" Herold; Selection "The Vagabond King" Friml.

9-50 p.m.—Sidney Harold. (a) Bashful Ton Kemp; (b) My When Young (In a Persian Garden) Lehmann.

10-0 p.m.—The Band. Two Extracts From Grieg's Works. (a) Solvieg's Song. (b) Dance of the Imps. Operatic Selection "Cavalleria Rusticana" "Mascagni"; Cornet Solo "Serenade" "Schubert".

10-30 p.m.—Sidney Harold. (a) The Crown of the Year "Easthope Martin"; (b) Rolling Down to Rio "German".

10-40 p.m.—The Band. Selection "Sir Harry Lauders Songs" "Arr. Hume".

11-0 p.m.—God Save the King-Emperor. Close Down.

Cawnpore, March 20.—Capt. Vetche flying in his Moth plane, returned to Cawnpore from Delhi to-day. He leaves for Calcutta to-morrow morning. Several local European citizens had joy rides in the place this evening.—A.P.

Bangalore, March 21.—The Hon. Mr. Crump, the British Resident, returnid from Mysore yesterday.

IDD MUBARAK

Friends,

Idd Mubaruk to you and yours, and to Muslims all over the world! Amen!

Friends, to-day war clouds are gathering in Islamic lands:—

(1) There is trouble brewing on the Persian coast!

(2) There are scuffles going on in Nejd and Iraq!

(3) There are reports of bomb throwing from British aeroplanes in Mespot!

(4) There is anxiety felt on the Trans-Jordian Frontier!

(5) That Signor Musoloni is casting covetous eyes on Syria, Anatolia and Abbysinia!

(6) He is penetrating still further in Tripoli!

(7) The situation in Egypt is causing anxiety!

(8) Concentration of forces on the North West Frontier has elicited a protest even from the Afghan King!

(9) When Islam is thus in distress abroad, men like Sir Mahomed Shafi and Sir Abdur Rahim are causing schism in Islamic ranks in India, and are exhorting Muslims to co-operate with a system of Government, that has much to do with the said distress!

(10) May wiser counsels still prevail!

(11) May Providence save Islamic lands from foreign domination!

(12) May Allah protect Reza Shah Pehalvi, Kemal Pasha, King Amanulla and their Kingdoms!

(13) May the Lord unite Muslims in all lands; empower them to fight for the Freedom of their own land; preserve the integrity of other lands; and restore peace and amity and independence in all lands! Amen!

Idd Mubaruk, Muslim Friends.

Yours truly,

B. F. BHARUCHA.

EED CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON

LONDON, March 23.

Eed-ul-Fitr was celebrated at the London Mosque with special prayers. The Imam delivered a sermon.—Reuter's Special.

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A PUBLIC MEETING

in Honour of the

THREE PARSEE GLOBE CYCLISTS

AT THE

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ON

SATURDAY, the 24th March, 1928

at 5 P.M. (S. T.)

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1928.

AWAKENING OF MARWARIS.

The disgraceful behaviour of some rowdy Marwaris on the arrival of the President of the tenth session of the All-India Agarwal Mahasabha has compelled him to resign his Presidentship but otherwise the work of the Mahasabha has gone on unimpeded. It met duly at Madhavbaug at the announced time under the presidentship of Seth Rangalalji Jojodia. A wrong impression has been created that the orthodox section of the Marwari community abetted the conduct of the rowdies who insulted the President-elect. It is, therefore, necessary for all responsible Marwaris, orthodox or heterodox, sternly to disown and discountenance such misbehaviour. Acute differences of opinion on social matters are at the present stage more or less inevitable but there are other than boorish methods to settle those differences; and all must be agreed on eschewing hooliganism, which does no good to any one but is sure to discredit the very persons who are a party to or connive at such hooliganism. There is one small satisfaction in the thought that all Marwaris are in dead earnest, even if some are misguided. That is less bad than the death-like passivity which keeps out even the hope of future reform. Now there is hope, but it will be realised if all appeal to reason and the reformers show courage of conviction and pertinacity.

The speech of Kumar Balkishenlal Poddar, the Chairman of the Reception Committee, gives a fairly bold lead to the Marwari community. Adaptation to ever-changing environment, he says, is the law of life, and, indeed, death is the penalty for the individual or the community that seeks to ignore or defy that law. The result of hugging to the bosom antiquated customs only because they are antiquated is described by the Chairman in the following touching words:—"Day in and day out we hear of the heart-rending tales of domestic unhappiness which is a direct and inevitable consequence of a marriage system which is absolutely ill-suited to the times in which we are living. Now it is a tale of a young innocent girl snatched away from her natural surroundings of play and learning and wedded to another equally young and innocent boy, and a little later we learn that the life of the boy-husband is cut off at the very threshhold of his youth, thus leaving before the girl widow the only prospect of paying the penalty of an early marriage by physical and mental tortures. Equally numerous are the cases in which a man almost in the evening of his life drags to the altar of the marriage a girl fit to be his great-grand-daughter because, forsooth, he cannot, live a bachelor's life in his old age. It is for you to imagine the dreadful consequences of such obnoxious matrimonial alliances which are a veritable bane to the community in which they occur." The Mahasabha has already done a good service to itself and to the country by condemning early and unequal marriages. But we are not sure it has gone far enough. It should not stop till the marriage of a girl who has not completed her sixteenth year is made impossible in the Marwari community.

There are two vexed questions before the Mahasabha and they demand some plain speaking. One is the question of widow-remarriages and the other of social boycott. The Chairman's remarks on the first question are painfully halting. He says: "Personally I am against the movement as I hold that the sanctity of womanhood must always be preserved at any cost and under any hardships. My honest belief, however, is that when the obnoxious system of early and unequal marriages is abolished the question of widow-marriages will be a question merely of academic interest. When the ancient Rishis first conceived the principle of rigid and pure Brahmacharyam for women bereft of their husbands, they had in their minds the far-reaching effects of a remarriage for the fairer sex." These are sad words to read, which suggest that the remarriage of a widow affects the sanctity of womanhood and is inconsistent with pure Brahmacharya. Sanctity, we think, is a thing apart and is unaffected by marriage or non-marriage. That is why a widower who marries does not necessarily lose the sanctity of manhood. Similarly, the spirit of Brahmacharya is quite compatible with marriage, alike among men and women. As regards the ancient Rishis invoked, it may be noted that Manu permitted the remarriage of virgin widows and Parashara, another Smirti writer, permitted the marriage of all widows. However, as the Chairman himself suggests, "dictates of reason, rather than a conventionally accepted dogma ought in future to be the guiding principle of humanity. Let Hindus but realise that they have miserably failed to give adequate protection to widows. Growing poverty, ignorance, and the disintegration of the joint family life among Hindus have driven many widows to despair and desperation and not seldom into the clutches of conversion-mongers and their human sharks." Realising these acts and knowing something of the widows' untold woes through several widows' homes and orphanages, we have not the least hesitation in saying that permitting widows to marry is the safest, the most rational and the most humanitarian way out of the grave social crisis in Hindu society. The problem of widows cannot be wholly solved by the prevention of child marriages. As regards, the question of social ostracism, which is now agitating the Marwari community, we agree with the Chairman that such punishment is superfluous, barbarous, unworkable and open to grave misuse. Who are to be ostracised and who is to cast the first stone? Healthy and vigorous public opinion is far more effective than social boycott even in the case of criminals like dotards buying and marrying girls of twelve and thirteen. The Agarwal Mahasabha will do well to shun social ostracism as poison; else the spirit of ostracism may spread to dangerous proportions.

MR. SASTRI'S SUCCESS

In celebrating the first birthday of the Indian Agreement by entertaining the members of the Union Government and prominent members of the Union Parliament to a banquet at Capetown, Mr. Sastri found a happy opportunity of reviewing the work so far done in implementing the Agreement, and he also utilised the occasion to pay a deserved tribute to General Hertzog and his colleagues of the Round Table Conference which helped in shaping the Agreement. The success obtained so far in improving the position of Indians in South Africa is very largely due to the admirable manner in which Mr. Sastri has smoothed out the difficulties in the way. Not the least of these difficulties has been the unfortunate difference of opinion between two sections of Indians which has now been happily bridged over thanks to Mr. Sastri's efforts as a diplomatic and persistent counsellor of unity. General Hertzog in replying to Mr. Sastri's speech at the banquet appreciating the help the Union Government have been giving in making the Agreement a success remarked that they in South Africa were now appreciating more and more the viewpoint of India. This is all to the good but India will appreciate the help of the Union Government in carrying out the Agreement all the more if the little pin-pricks our countrymen; still suffer from in the matter of arbitrary refusal of trading licenses in Natal and in a variety of other ways cease once for all, and as in the case of the dropped clause in the Liquor Bill, the Indian view is respected.

A LONE FIGHT

In the official-ridden Council of State where it is the practice to pass legislation emanating from Government without being troubled overmuch about what the stalwart little band of elected members have to say, Seth Govinddas had a lone fight to put up on Thursday in opposing the passage of the Finance Bill. That he did so under the most depressing circumstances does him and his handful of nationalist following great credit. He exposed the hollowness of the official contention that in India the administration was exhibiting paternal solicitude for the welfare of the population. "After 150 years of British rule," he declared, "the people were going underfed and epidemics raged unprevented." The State's expenses on civil administration had increased and this expenditure, he pointed out, was being met at the cost of Indians. It is deplorable that Seth Govinddas could not secure the support of Mr. Natesan for his proposal to bring back the quarter anna post card. Mr. Natesan provided a curious but thoroughly unconvincing argument against this measure which could be a boon to the poorer classes. In an outburst of frankness he told the other Elder Statesmen that the reduction of posatge would only benefit businessmen like himself and not the poorer classes. Mr. Natesan's unselfish endeavour to allow the State to charge him more in postage so that its revenues might increase is commendable but he must realise that millions of poor people have to deprive themselves the pleasure of sending letters because they cannot afford the luxury of the two pice post card.

WELCOME OPPORTUNITY

Not often are the intellectuals of the city ofiered the opportunity of a programme of entertainment so distinctly artistic and, at the same time, so definitely educative as the one to be presented at the Excelsior to-night. "Menaka", whose refined renderings in dancing cannot be mistaken by any one who has witnessed her art, has adapted the "immortal pictures, in line, colour and stone, of Ajanta as an endeavour to recapture their rhythm, intellectual elegance and artistic grace." Miss Khurshedbanoo Naoroji has selected some of the well-known songs which reveal the Spirit of the East as understood and interpreted by the musicians of the West. "Kokila", in the poems about China and India to be recited by her, touches the same Spirit. It is, really, in the Spirit of the East, as discerned by its own exponents and by those in other lands over whom it has been exercising its immortal spell, that the enlightened group of young men and women who have arranged to-night's Song and Dance-Recital, find, as they say, the "unity of their efforts and the means for the expression of their aspirations."

The programme has been, it will be evident, aimed and arranged with an unquestionable purpose. The music, especially adapted by Miss Mani Patel, the poems and the dances like the "Yovana Nritya" and "Naga-Kanya Nritya" adapted from the ancient customs, legends, literature and art, all reveal and accentuate that purpose or aspiration, an aspiration "towards an understanding of the art movements of the world not merely through intellectual contact but through concrete manifestations in art." For they hope for and have faith in the "congenial atmosphere for the growth of understanding and comradeship, of standards and taste in daily life not less artistic than intellectual." Such lofty aims deserve no doubt wide appreciation. They usher in the pioneer efforts for reform essential for the fruitful re-establishment of the high concepts of life contained in the highest intellectual and artistic achievements of the nation.

THIRD ASIATIC CONFERENCE

THE COMING SESSION AT KABUL

(BY S. V. LALIT.)

The third Asiatic Conference, having been invited to Kabul or Gandhar of the Hindus, interest in the Asiatic movement, is sure to be revived this year throughout the length and breadth of India. Reuter managed not to send the news of the first Asiatic Conference, held at Nagasaki in Japan on 1st August, 1926. The news was made available by papers like "The Chronicle" and other Nationalist papers, only when Chinese papers were received here 'by mail'. The second Asiatic Conference, that was invited to Peking in China, would have received better advertisement and attention but for the Chinese civil war. Although the venue had to be changed to Shanghai, the Conference was held in November last, but the foreign news agency this time succeeded still better, and news was received here only at the end of December, one month after the Conference was actually over. I do not think Reuter will succeed this year in keeping us in ignorance about the coming third Conference, as Kabul is so near and newspapers from Afghanistan can be received in the Punjab within a day or two.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

Although information about the Conference can not this time be successfully withheld from Indians, it will not be quite so easy to arrange for participation by Indian politicians as delegates, at the Conference, and it will, therefore, be wise for those who may be determined to overcome all obstacles that might be raised in granting passports to make active efforts from now and not to allow the opportunity to slip, by waiting till the actual dates of the Conference are announced. If passports are going to be refused let us get the position cleared from now by applying for them soon. This means that organizations wishing to elect delegates ought to take decisions early.

START ASIATIC SOCIETIES.

I know some friends who are really desirous to attend as Indian delegates. I would only suggest to them not to keep their decisions pending, with the idea of inducing the Congress to participate officially in the movement. A better way will be to start Asiatic societies in principal centres like Bombay, Calcutta and other cities, and to elect delegates directly through these organizations. Not that I have any doubt as to the attitude of Congress leaders. Shriman Srinivas Iyengar who has made up his mind to follow in the footsteps of Deshbandhu Das is really enthusiastic about the Asiatic movement. Pandit Motilal who was actually present at Moscow will never hesitate to go to Kabul. Even Pandit Malaviya, the orthodox, will not mind crossing the 'Atok', to enjoy State hospitality from H. M. King Amanullah, who has publicly declared his policy to be in favour of a League of Eastern Nations. The third Conference is thus receiving official benedictions from His Afghan Majesty, which honour the first two Conferences could not enjoy.

ASIATIC TRINITY.

Kabul is sure to witness what might be termed an Asiatic Trinity of Buddhism, Islam and Hinduism. The Buddhist confederation led by Japan and China, have launched the movement, and at Kabul the full force of the Pan-Islamic confederation, with Egypt, Turkey, Persia and Afghanistan at the head, will be joining hands with them. Hindu India can serve as the joining link. Our Khilafat friends will be well advised to put Pan-Islamic federation in the forefront of their programme, and make politics predominant, instead of allowing 'mullahs' to monopolize the movement. It is no fault of the 'mullahs', if they cannot appreciate things from a secular and a nationalist point of view, as distinct from religious bias, because priesthood all over is pre-eminently of the same mentality. It will be equally wise for Hindu Sabha leaders to finally make up their minds to stand by Islam, against the onslaughts of European Powers, all over North Africa, from Morocco to Egypt.

NEW CRUSADES.

If crusades were fought in the name of religion for the possession of 'Jerusalem', new crusades in the name of almighty dollar are sure to be fought for the control of the Mediterranean, espe-

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FASTING BEFORE FESTIVAL

(BY G. K. N.)

An Id is a festival and the festive day usually follows the long fast known as the Id connected with the month of Ramzan. (The month is pronounced so as to sound Ramadhan in the Arabian countries). It is not so much the terminal feast as the foregoing fasting as an institution which whets our modern curiosity. For in the therapeuties of our day and the increasing knowledge of agencies to remedy evils affecting the body, the striking results of abstinence from food are occupying a commanding place. The impulse to nullify the effect of excessive alimentation by drugs is being replaced by the sounder instinct to effect at least temporarily a reduction of food. And America has latterly led the way in important scientific hunger-literature.

RELIGIOUS EXERCISE.

Fasting as an occasional religious exercise is compulsory in almost all religions. The only exception is Zoroastrianism. Intense gratitude to the Creator for the good things of this world is expressed by it in a refusal to deny oneself. It is regarded as ungrateful of man to spurn the bounty of God. "We abstain by our eye, tongue and ear," replied a medieval Zoroastrian theologian to a controversialist of the other faith; "We hold ourselves back from committing sin." In Islam, the annual month of abstinence from sunrise to sunset daily is looked upon as occupying a place which is generally claimed by its adherents for Buddhism. Islam here plays the role of rational moderation. It aims to establish an institution not beyond the capacity of but in consonance with the nature of man. It is held that fasting was much severer in the former and earlier Dispensations of the Jews and Christians. There is a dialogue with Mary in the Qoran:

"She said, would to God I had died before this, and had become a thing, forgotten and lost in oblivion! And he who was beneath her called to her, saying, Be not grieved: now hath God provided a rivulet under thee; and do thou shake the body of the palm-tree, and it shall let fall ripe dates upon thee, ready gathered. And eat, and drink, and calm thy mind; moreover, if thou see any man, and he question thee, say, Verily I have vowed a fast unto the Merciful; wherefore I will by no means speak to a man this day."

CURATIVE VALUE.

This Christian self-abnegation is regarded as extreme and excessive: that the faithful should not only abjure food but also speech. The Hindus who excel in specialisation in every department of art and science,—they have manuals of Theft,

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Very Inconvenient.

The Tory Press looks upon the whole business of probing further into the Zinovieff Letter mystery with evident repugnance. The "Saturday Review", for example, laments in its latest issue that "the ghost of this document has refused to die". It observes that it was "inevitable" that a demand for full inquiry should be made "following the fresh evidence provided by the Report in the franes case". The Labour Party demand for an inquiry has been turned down in the Commons but the British Premier's explanation of how a copy of the notorious document fell into the hands of a newspaper and his remarks relating to Chicherin and Zinovieff have evoked prompt disclaimers from Moscow. M. Chicherin characterises the letter as a forgery and invites attention in this controversy to the British refusal to accept the Soviet invitation to institute an inquiry into the authenticity of the document. The Tories will be glad if the last is heard of the controversy but it is likely the "ghost" will still "refuse to die".

Illuminating Comment.

The debate on the Soviet proposals at Geneva advocating complete disarmament provides an illuminating commentary on the real attitude of the European Powers towards the question of reduction of armaments, to say nothing of complete disarmament within a specified time limit. The remarks of the representatives from the Netherlands, Belgium and Bulgaria must have been very much to British taste. They fall in with the British plan, to which France cordially subscribes, of talking a great deal about disarmament but doing nothing practical to bring it within practical politics. The Dutch delegate even went so far as to denounce complete disarmament as a calamity which will expose the world to "brigandage, adventurers and revolution." It is significant, however, that the Soviet's neighbour, Poland, does not think the proposals quite worthless and America which has cut down its naval estimates by roughly two-thirds this year is sure to examine them with sympathy.

Assertion of Equality.

A remarkable religious ceremony was performed in Bombay on Thursday when 1,000 "untouchable" boys were given the sacred thread of the caste Hindus as a token of their equality of the highest Hindu castes. This ceremony, organised by the Samaj Samata Sangh of Bombay, is only one of the many signs of a new orientation of the "depressed" class movement. For years past that class prayed for some rights or concessions and the caste Hindus tardily and patronisingly conceded a few rights. But the "depressed" classes now have begun to assert their rights rather than ask for them. The thread ceremony by itself may or may not mean much, but the "depressed" classes want to establish in every way their equality with the highest Hindu castes. We whole-heartedly welcome the movement. It is admirably calculated to foster in all backward classes a sense of self-reliance and self-respect. Dr. Ambedkar and others who are leading this movement are doing a great service to Hinduism and the Indian nation. The movement is bound to swell the cry of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

Tilak Memorial.

It is a pity that the proposal to erect a memorial to the late Lokamanya Tilak on the Chowpatty sands has not yet been an accomplished fact. Nearly three years ago a committee was appointed at a public meeting in Bombay to take steps to raise the memorial. The Bombay Government have agreed to allow the memorial to be erected on the sands and the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has agreed to contribute Rs. 10,000 towards the cost of the memorial. But while only a small sum of Rs. 20,000 is yet needed from the public to cover the whole cost, the Committee has received but a thousand rupees all these three years. The result is hardly fair either to the public or the purpose of the memorial. The committee will have to make more vigorous efforts to get the needed balance. The people are not unwilling to pay but because of their distractions need to be personally approached. Contributions may be paid to the Treasurers Mr. Burjorji F. Bharucha and Mr. Manilal D. Nanavati. We shall be glad to announce the subscriptions received from week to week. As it is desired to collect the whole sum by the 1st of August next, we appeal to the people to make prompt amends for their long delay.

Irrelevant.

Mr. Ranga Iyer breaks out into irrelevant and unseemly banter smarting under a sense of defeat, not having found a place in the election for the Indian delegation of four to Canada through the Indian Branch of the Empire Parliamentary Association. He declares that the election of "three shining lights of the Congress" as members of that delegation has given a "distinct lead" to that body "to leave the path of impracticable idealism and tread the road of co-operation leading to Colonial Swaraj". The Empire Parliamentary Association, we need hardly remind Mr. Ranga Iyer, is a private body which has nothing to do with controversial politics as such. The four Indian delegates go out to Canada as parliamentarians on a visit to other parliamentarians and not to declare to the Canadians what particular form of Swaraj India desires.

Social Legislation.

Social legislation figured prominently before the Assembly on Thursday. Sir Harising Gour, who is as forward in matters social as he is static in politics, brought up nearly half a dozen Bills affecting social relations in India. The most important was the Special Marriage Amendment Bill, which pushed to its logical conclusion his own measure enacted in 1923 legalising marriages between Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists. The new Bill sought to make matrimony legal irrespective of caste, colour or creed. To the course of true love he would allow no impediments and claimed that the Bill would eliminate communalism from India and unite the India into a nation. But some one objected that the Bill was against Islam and Government, as usual, sympathised with the Bill but had their fears. Finally it was decided to circulate the Bill to elicit public opinion. The same was the reception given to all the other bills of Dr. Gour except a non-contentious one which was passed. One of them proposes to entitle a Hindu wife to secure dissolution of marriage in case of imbecility or disease. The public may be agitated over this or that innovation and the Bills may be retarded for a year or two. But it is good to think that the spirit of reform is in the air.

The "Trustees" Refuse To Act.

The pet theory of British officialdom in India and of its apologists in the Anglo-Indian Press is that the bureaucracy functions as the "trustee" of the millions in India who would fall into the hands of self-seeking "agitators" but for the fostering official care under which these millions find themselves. One would have imagined that for the sake of the masses whose interests officials have so much at heart in their capacity as "trustees" the Government of India would have been the first to ratify the draft conventions and recommendations in regard to sickness insurance adopted at Geneva by the Tenth International Labour Conference. The excuse for being unwilling to do so which Mr. Macwatters pleaded in the Council of State will not wash. He talked of the immense difficulties of the problem of providing such insurance for Indian labour which was mainly agricultural. But the official record for providing medical relief in rural areas is, indeed, very meagre. Grand schemes are put forward by the Public Health Department in every Province, but for carrying them out one thing stands in the way. Government have no funds—the usual excuse for starving nation-building activities.

SOCIAL UPHEAVAL AMONG MARWARIS

MR. PODDAR'S PLEA FOR TOLERANCE

MAHASABHA DELEGATES IN EARNEST

PRESIDENT ON PARTY INTRIGUES

Amidst scenes of tense excitement the tenth sessions of the All-India Marwari Agrawal Mahasabha met at the Madhav Baug on Friday evening about three hours later than the fixed time. A large number of Mahasabhaite delegates from various provinces attended. The Sanatanis who have broken away from the Mahasabha remained conspicuous by their absence. They held their meeting in Morar Baug and decided to abstain from the sessions in the Madhav Baug and to hold a different Sanatanis' Mahasabha on Saturday. The former president-elect Mr. Hanuman Prasad Poddar was won over by the Sanatans' group and it is almost a settled fact that he would preside over the Conference of the Sanatani group on Saturday.

HOUSE AGAINST ADJOURNMENT.

The Mahasabhaites held a meeting of their group which is in majority in the Conference Pandal at the Madhav Baug on Friday morning and considered the situation created by the Sanatani group. It was decided to hold the sessions of the Conference as arranged previously. Communication was, however, in progress between the leaders of the two sections and it was only after the Sanatani section decided finally to abstain from the Conference that the proceedings of the latter commenced. Even after the commencement message were exchanged between party-leaders and some of the Mahasabha leaders decided to adjourn the sessions for the next day before the formal election of the new president. A resolution to this effect in the form of an appeal was moved and furious speeches both in favour of and against it were made. The audience grew very unruly and confusion reigned supreme. For about an hour, appeals made by men of even Sjt. Jamnalal Bajaj's standing and influence fell on deaf ears and the chairman's powers were ignored. The sense of the House was definitely against the adjournment and quiet was restored only when the appeal was withdrawn and the president was formally elected to the chair.

The chairman in the course of his speech regretted the sorrowful incidents that had occurred on Tuesday morning and expressed the hope that both the sections of the community would again join hands.

All throughout the day the pandal was guarded by a large number of volunteers and boy scouts armed with large lathis. A posse of police constables under a Sergeant were posted around the pandal while an officer of the Fire-Brigade with his subordinates was also kept at the spot on duty. Trouble from the section that seceded from the Mahasabha was apprehended every moment but fortunately the first day's proceedings terminated without any untoward incident.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL

Exactly at 3-40 p.m. the President-elect of the Conference, Mr. Rangalalji Jujodia of Calcutta arrived at the Conference and was received by the Chairman of the Reception Committee and the members of the executive committee. The Conference was very well-attended, among those present being Messrs. Jamnalalji Bajaj, Rameshardas Birla, Govindlal Shivlal, Biyani, M.L.C. of Nagpur, Anandilal Poddar and others. The proceedings commenced with songs recited by young boys and girls and prayers offered by some boy scouts. The Chairman of the Reception Committee on rising to read his address welcoming the delegates was lustily cheered. In the course of his speech delivered in Hindi he said:—

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Conscious as I am of my shortcomings, I look upon this proud privilege of welcoming you all for the second time to this great Conference and incidentally to this city of Bombay more as a result of the kind indulgence of my friends than of any special merits in me. It has been our long desire to invite you to this premier city of India wherein the wheels of time and progress have been so rapidly and ceaselessly marching as to make it impossible for any community to remain static or inert. I may mention and I am sure you will agree with me there that whatever may be the deficiencies of the Bombavites in other respects, it has yet never been said and I hope it will never be said that they are lacking in the warmth of heart, which is so very necessary for receiving guests, no matter their differences of opinion and views about many an important problem of life. Once again let me express on behalf of the Reception Committee our warmest pleasure and sincerest gratitude to all those who are present here to-day, no doubt at a considerable sacrifice of their time and business.

KNOTTY PROBLEMS.

It will be within the domain of our learned President to elaborate on some of the knotty problems which are confronting our country in general and our community in partieuar but without trespassing the legitimate functions of my office I beg leave to make a few observations on one or two important problems according to my humble understanding and light. The tremendous upheaval through which the entire World is at present passing has, in its train, brought a new awakening over the humanity living even in the remotest corners of the World. The dictum of the greatest happiness of the greatest number which has been held out before the humanity by the philosophers and the political thinkers of the modern world is being slowly realized and is finding ever-growing expression even in the tiniest units of human organism. As a result of this we are witnessing a gradual yet irresistible evolution in the social and political thoughts of the World. The old order is fast changing yielding place to new. It has been the common experience of the world that progress of life is arrested any one idea, rule or principle taking hold of the society for a long time and threatening to become stagnant. In this age of changes all societies, all communities, in fact, all human beings have to look facts in the face and adjust themselves according to the needs of a daily progressing world. Dictates of reason rather than a conventionally accepted dogma ought, in future, to be the guiding principle of humanity. In the words of Poet Tagore, the clear stream of reason should never lose its way in the dreary, dead sand of habit.

SITUATION TO-DAY.

From the world of abstracts let me now come to the world of concretes. To-day the situation of our great community is more or less on the verge of a great social upheaval. Impelled by the irresistible circumstances and pushed by the on-rushing tide of human progress we are still hesitating to adapt ourselves to the environment probably with the fear that in taking such a step we might transgress the limits fixed by our social law-makers of yore. But we forget that the rules and regulations adopted by our forefathers were merely the outcome of the then existing conditions and that the present day conditions warrant that they may be so amended as to make them suit the changed circumstances of life. I may not be understood to mean that whatever is done or may be done by the present day reformers should be adopted "in toto"; on the contrary it remains with us for all times to sift the grain from the chaff and adopt only such changes as will not disturb the society and the body politic violently. I may still go a step further and say that those who are desirous of marching ahead rapidly should regulate their speed 'pari passu' with the gradual but sure support of the community at large.

A lot has been said regarding freedom of thought and action. However much laudable that freedom may be it should not blind anybody to the sense of proportion for it must be borne in mind that the individual and the society have a closely knit relationship in which only mutual understanding will lead to harmonious blending of the common interests.

Unfortunately the differences of opinion between the two sections among the Agarwal community are becoming increasingly pronounced day by day and they are ever threatening to develop into a fratricidal warfare. At such a juncture I would earnestly pray to all concerned for mutual understanding and toleration. Unless there is a spirit of give and take on either side there will be no progress worth the name, with the result that the solidarity of the community will be rudely shaken.

Having so far dwelt on the generalities I now propose to take up some of the concrete problems which are staring our community in the face and which demand immediate solution. First and foremost is the question of marriages. Day in and day out we hear of the heart-rending tales of domestic unhappiness which is a direct and inevitable consequence of a marriage system which is absolutely ill-suited to the times in which we are living. Now it is tale of young innocent girl snatched away from her natural surroundings of play and learning and wedded to another equally young and innocent boy and a

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UNIVERSITY AT KABUL

"AGHANISTAN ON MODERN PATHS OF PROGRES."

BIRKENHEADS APPRECIATION OF AMANULLAH'S

LONDON, March 23.

King Amanullah and Queen Souriya were greeted enthusiastically as they drove through densely crowded streets of Oxford to Sheldonian Theatre, where King Amanullah received the degree of Doctor of Civil Law. Crimson robes filled the theatre with a blaze of colour. Afghan flags were displayed on galleries. King Amanullah wearing a scarlet robe, entered the Theatre in procession to strains of British and Afghan national anthems. The Vice-Chancellor saluted the "august and brave King and the gracious lady who have come like second Sun and Moon from the east to the Kingdom of West." His Majesty bowed in acknowledgment. Afterwards the royal party lunched at Wadham College.

Lord Birkenhead proposing the toast of King Amanullah and Queen Souriya paid tribute to Their Majesties' energy in cementing existing friendships and in mord fully equipping themselves for the service of their own people. "King Amanullah's steadfast wish is to plant his subjects on modern paths of progress" he said. "We sincerely hope that his visit will convince the King that there is much in our literatures and arts not unworthy of consideration by a friend."

UNIVERSITY AT KABUL.

Lord Birkenhead referred to King Amanullah's interest in education and the difficulties he had had to surmount and said that the progress that had been achieved in nine years since his accession was a shining testimony to his zeal. Over thousand years ago, the world famed university of Bactria had flourished. King Amanullah now intended to found a university at Kabul, which would be the centre of culture and learning and so revive the glories of the wonderful past. "We shall follow this conception with warm sympathy and interest. Possibly, King Amanullah's brother who is an undergraduate at Oxford may be the first Vice-Chancellor of the Afghan University."

Lord Birkenhead concluded: "I give you the toast of patron of learning and true and enlightened friend of his country and Queen Shah Khanum who has charmed us by her presence to-day. May fortunes of their House prove as surely seated as the snowclad mountains of Afghanistan, which for so many centuries have nurtured a highspirited and martial people."

The afternoon was spent in visiting Colleges.—Reuter.

STRENUOUS DAY FOR KING AMANULLAH

TRIP DOWN THE THAMES

LONDON, Mar. 22.

King Amanullah commenced a strenuous day to-day, by embarking on a launch from Westminster Pier for a trip down the river to visit the Docks, Woolwich Arsenal and Greenwich Observatory. Thousands of persons thronged the embankment and cheered His Majesty.

Queen Souriya was able to go shopping in London, accompanied by Lady Humphreys.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC AIR LINER

CONSTRUCTION DELAYED BY SUDDEN STRIKE OF WORKERS

DISPUTE ABOUT WAGES

LONDON, March 23.

Sudden strike of fitters and other workers constructing the great airship R-100 as a result of a wages dispute threatens to prejudice the chances of the Airship Guarantee Company being the first to institute an Atlantic Airship service as German constructors are hastening preparations.—Reuter's Special.

SUBMARINE COLLIDES WITH DESTROYER

DAMAGE TO PERISCOPES

LONDON, March 22.

The Admiralty announces that Submarine R4 coming to a periscope depth collided with a destroyer thruster off Portland in the afternoon to-day. Damage is apparently confined to the periscopes.—Reuter.

ANGLO-PERSIAN DIFFERENCES

NO SETTLEMENT REACHED

LONDON, March 21.

Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that no settlement of questions outstanding between the Persian Government and the British Government had yet been reached and he could not at present make a statement regarding the negotiations for the establishment of a civil air service between Iraq and India.—B.O.W.

SEQUEL TO RAID

CHINESE REMANDED TO CUSTODY

LONDON, March 23.

As a sequel to last night's arms raid a Chinese William Hi, described as a Britisher and a steward of the steamship "Ben Clough", now lying at the East India Dock, was charged with illegally importing and concealing 56 revolvers and 5,400 cartridges.

A Customs Officer gave evidence that he went on board the "Ben Clough" and discovered the arms skilfully concealed in a linen locker and that when Hi was asked for an explanation he said: "I no speak, I no say". Hi was remanded to custody till 29th March.—Reuter's Special.

The Bihar and Orissa Legislative Council was prorogued to-day at the conclusion of the business of the Budget session. The remaining supplementary demands were voted.—A. P.

KING AMANULLAH

BECOMES HONORARY MEMBER OF ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

LONDON, Mar. 22.

In the presence of a distinguished company, King Amanullah to-night became the honorary member of the Royal Geographical Society A diploma was presented to him at the Society's headquarters in London.—Reuter.

NEW MENACE IN SOUTH AFRICA

"CAPE TOWN AGREEMENT IN DANGER"

MR. POLAK ON GOVT. OF INDIA'S DUTY

BOMBAY, March. 23.

Information has just reached the Imperial Citizenship Association that the South African Colour Bar Act has been made applicable to Natal enabling the Government to declare that skilled occupations shall be reserved for white and coloured persons only to the exclusion of African natives and the Indian population. This is understood to create a serious situation since the bulk of the Indian population is confined to Natal and many among them, chiefly among Colonial born Indians, are dependents on skilled and semi-skilled employment. The Natal Indian Congress, it is understood, has therefore entered a vigorous protest and it is believed they have also telegraphed to the Government of India.

Mr. H. S. L. Polak, Hon. Secretary. Indian Overseas Association, who is leaving for England on the 28th instant, in an interview with the Associated Press expressed great concern at the news. He added he had always considered that the fact that the repeal of the Colour Bar Act was outside the scope of the Round Table Conference was a great defect, but this apart, what was more necessary than any thing else was to get an atmosphere of agreement between the two Governments inspite of the Colour Bar Act. He declared that the Rt. Hon. Srinivas Sastri would have a difficult task before him. It was difficult if not impossible to reconcile the doctrine of elevation of Indian standards to approximate to white ones contained in the Cape Town Agreement with the differentiation and degradation involved in the Coulour Bar Act. It was obvious that the Natal Indians must stand up for their rights or be crushed out of existence as a community.

Concluding Mr. Polak said, "I feel confident that the Government of India will realise the danger and take immediate steps to persaunde the Union Government to refrain from proceeding in a manner contrary to the very spirit and meaning of the "Cape Town" agreement.—A. P.

SOVIET'S GOOD FAITH.

M. LITVINOFF'S RETORT TO LORD CUSHENDON.

NO ACCEPTANCE OF LEAGUE'S JURISDICTION.

ZINOVIEFF LETTER: A FRAUD

LONDON, Mar. 22.

Geneva.—In the Disarmament Committee M. Litvinoff made a long statement in a moderate tone. He endeavoured to refute Lord Cushendun's criticisms and dwelt on the Soviet's efforts in the cause of peace. He cited the Soviet's voluntary co-operation with the Committee as evidence of its good faith but that did not imply that the Soviet had undertaken to submit to any rulings of the League. The Soviet would only consider itself bound by acts drawn up by the Committee and the Disarmament Conference and cited the reservation of the United States delegation that it could not accept the jurisdiction of the League in support of the Soviet's attitude towards the League.

He described the Zinovieff letter as a fraud and referred to the intervention of Britain in China and Persia.

He concluded by intimating that he would continue to co-operate with the Committee if the Committee declared its acceptance of the principle of total disarmament.

Baron Clausel (France) seconded Lord Cushendun's proposal to submit the Soviet scheme for consideration of the governments.—Reuter.

BRITISH DELEGATION AND SOVIET P ROPOSALS

LONDON, March 21.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked whether the British delegation on the Disarmament Commission at Geneva had received any instructions regarding the Soviet proposals for general disarmament. The Foreign Secretary replied that the British delegate had been instructed to co-operate with his colleagues in securing the fullest examination of the Soviet proposals. The House would notice from the reports in the press that he had carried out his instructions with great skill and judgment.—B.O.W.

SPAIN DECIDES TO REJOIN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

LONDON, March 22.

Geneva.—It is announced that Spain has decided to rejoin the League of Nations.—Reuter.

COMMITTEE TO ASSIST SIMON COMMISSION

MAHARAJA OF NADIA'S MOTION IN BENGAL COUNCIL

CALCUTTA, March. 23.

The Bengal Legislative Council will be given an opportunity of declaring its attitude towards the Simon Commission on Tuesday when at the conclusion of the voting on the budget demands the Hon. the Maharaja of Nadia will move that steps be taken for the appointment of a committee of the Local Council to assist the Commission.—A. P.

MRS. NAIDU LEAVES FOR HYDERABAD

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS CANCELLED

DELHI, March. 23.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has left for Hyderabad owing to illness of her daughter, and will not be able to keep her public engagements for two or three weeks.—A. P.

PRINCE BAGS A PANTHER

(From a Correspondent).

SANTRAMPUR, March 23.

Prince Pravinsinhji Heir-Apparent, Santrampur State, shot on the 22nd instant, a panther measaring eight feet. He was source of great trouble to agriculturists and cattle, who are now heaving a sigh of relief.

TRADE DEPRESSION AFFECTS RY. EARNINGS

NO OVERCROWDING IN THIRD-CLASS CARRIAGES

BOMBAY, March. 22.

The following were among the subjects discussed at a recent meeting of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Local Advisory Committee.

Overcrowding in 3rd class carriages:—Statements showing the results of counts (taken at different stations) of third class passengers in several trains were submitted to the Committee. These showed that there was no overcrowding in any of the trains that came under observation.

EARNINGS OF B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY.

In reply to a question by Mr. Lalji Naraniji, the Chairman said that the general depression in trade, now prevailing, was the chief reason why the earnings of this Railway compared unfavourably with those of several other Railways, particularly those serving the eastern parts of the country. The figures for the current year, however, showed an improvement over those of last.

ELECTRIFICATION.

The Chairman stated that out of the total requirements of 160 coaches 120 had up to now been received, and of these 48 had been placed on the line. It was hoped to have the electric train service in full operation from about the 1st of July 1928.—A. P.

CHARGES AGAINST DEWAR AND DANIEL NOT PUBLISHED

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS

LONDON, March 22.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions on the "Royal Oak" court-martial, Mr. Headlam on behalf of the Admiralty, said that Dewar and Daniel would be informed of the charges against them before going to Gibralter. He added that it had never been the custom to publish the charges of a court-martial beforehand. Mr. Kenworthy asserted that this was not the ordinary court-martial, and it would be necessary to go back over a century for the example of the Rear-Admiral hauling down his flag.

Mr. Garro Jones asked for an assurance that the admission to the public would not be rendered nugatory by the lack of facilities for boarding in a vessel where the court-martials would be held. But Mr. Headlam said he was unable to go beyond Mr. Bridgeman's statement of the 19th instant.

During the debate on Navy Estimates, Mr. Bellairs declared that when Dewar and Daniel were ordered home and left the "Royal Oak," the whole crew rushed to the side of the vessel and cheered them as they departed. He mentioned that as Collard was now on half-pay, he could not be court-martialled.—Reuter.

BIRKENHEAD RECOVERS

LONDON, March 22.

Lord Birkenhead has recovered.—Reuter.

TRETAY WITH EGYPT

BRITISH INTEREST CANNOT BE WHITTLED AWAY"

LONDON, March 23.

Rugby.—Referring to the draft treaty of alliance with Egypt in a speech at Old Ham last night, Sir Auston Chamberlain said: "We must wait for developments of the policy of the Government, which, out of office, rejected that treaty, and is now responsible for carrying on the existing regime. We shall try to get into relations of harmony and friendship with them, but the vital interests of this country in Egypt cannot be whittled away, cannot be altered, and cannot be challenged, and until, if ever, Egypt is ready to accept such a treaty of alliance as we recently proposed, we stand by the declaration of 1922 and we shall insist upon its fulfilment."—B. O. W.

SIMON SEVEN IN PESHWAR

LAHORE, March. 23.

Lord Burnham, Lord and Lady Strathcona and Major Attlee, members of the Statutory Commission, accompanied by Mr. Peel and Mr. Macpherson, Assistant Secretaries, left Lahore this morning for Peshawar. They would reach Peshawar tonight.

En route at Rawalpindi Station Corporation Committee of the Rawalpindi Division, will present a welcome address to the members of the Commission and entertain them to a tea party on the station platform. In the Frontier the party will visit Khyber, Kohat and Malakand.—A. P.

SOCIAL UPHEAVAL AMONG MARWARI'S

(Continued from page 9.)

little later we learn that the life of the boy-husband is cut off at the very threshold of his youth, thus leaving before the girl-widow the only prospect of paying the penalty of an early marriage by physical and mental tortures. Equally many are the cases in which a man almost in the evening of his life drags to the altar of the marriage a girl fit to be his great-grand-daughter because, forsooth, he cannot live a bachelor's life in his old age. Ladies and gentlemen, it is for you to imagine the dreadful consequences of such obnoxious matrimonial alliances which are a veritable bane to the community in which they occur.

WIDOW RE-MARRIAGE.

Nextly the question of widow-marriages is assuming greater and greater proportions every day, so much so, that to-day it is knocking at the doors of the very institution of marriage. Personally I am against the movement as I hold that the sanctity of womanhood must always be preserved at any cost and under any hardships. My honest belief, however, is that when the obnoxious systems of early and unequal marriages are abolished the question of widow-marriages will be a question merely of academic interest. When the ancient Rishis first conceived the principle of rigid and pure Brahmacharyam for women bereft of their husbands they had in their minds the far-reaching effects of a re-marriage for the fairer sex. Without wounding the susceptibilities of the orthodox section of our community I may say that the question of widow re-marriage must not be left untouched. Ways and means must be found by which the lives of womankind might be saved from the tortures of an early widowhood. I daresay, ladies and gentlemen, that by making early and unequal marriages impossible we would not only be checking the growing tide of widowhood but at the same time we will be ensuring for the posterity a happier and a stronger progeny which, in time to come, will be fit to rule the country physically, morally and mentally.

SOCIAL OSTRACISM.

Now I turn my attention to the thorniest of the questions, viz., social ostracism to wit the outcasting of those who do not comply with the prevalent social law conventions and traditions. This is a question on which there is bound to be acute differences of opinion. Outcasting a man or a woman is the last weapon that the society should resort to in order to reclaim the fallen ones. If used frequently as it is very often used it is bound to have undesirable effects on the society. The tribunal constituted to administer this extreme penalty must needs consist of such men as will take a lenient view of the excesses committed by the offending party, the attendant circumstances and various other factors which often entice a man into doing a certain thing which is objectionable in the eyes of a majority of members of his society. Human nature is such that the better self in the man is sooner or later bound to assert itself over the evil counsels. We have, besides, to take into account whether at all the punishment of outcasting is in keeping with the love of liberty and desire for freedom of speech and action. It is all a matter of opinion. What one man thinks proper may be considered otherwise by another: for instance a sea-voyage. It is no offence under any code of law. But if the Panchayet decide to outcast him merely because he erred against the canons of Shrutis or Smrutis, what would be the result? The result would be that the man would rather prefer to be outside the fold of such a society and in all probability his invaluable services will be lost to the society simply because that society chose to be intolerant towards him. Instances like this might be multiplied but I would only say that the weapon of social ostracism is out of tune with the modern-day tendencies of the world.

NEED OF EDUCATION.

For any community, in order to sustain itself, the first requisite would be education. By education I mean both physical and mental education. The importance of either of them cannot be too much exaggerated. I need not draw your attention to the fact that the Marwari community is still backward in the matter of education. For breadth of vision and a wider outlook on life travel and contact with as many nationalities as possible are essential. The restriction on foreign travel should therefore, be abolished and scope of travelling abroad should be extended in the interests of both commerce and education.

Ladies and gentlemen, this institution was given birth to ten years back. During this period, if one were to take a retrospective survey, our community has undergone a great change. To-day we find the members of our community in almost all the avenues of life. In political sphere, in social sphere and even as pioneers of industry they have been marching with faster strides. All this is, no doubt, a matter for legitimate pride. But we must still grow. We must endeavour to widen the doors of this institution so as to be able to rally round one banner all the widely scattered sections of the great Agarwal community. This is not so easy a task as one can wish it to be. All the same it is a consummation devoutly to be wished for and it is our duty to work for it. The Mahasabha, in course of time, must radiate from its centre the luminous rays in the form of messages of shantam, shivam and adwaitam. Until this ideal is reached there cannot be any happiness for the community as a whole. It is for all of us to unite together and with a firm determination ever strive to keep this body as a living institution of the great Agarwal community.

Once again I sincerely thank you, ladies and gentlemen for the kindness you have extended to me and for the troubles you have taken in gracing this occasion by your presence.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

After the Chairman of the Reception Committee resumed his seat, the Secretary read out numerous letters and telegrams expressing sympathy with the objects of the Mahasabha and wishing it success. Among those who sent messages were Mahatma Gandhi, Lala Lajpat Rai, Jagatguru Shankaracharyaji, Sir Tukoji Rao Holkar, Her Highness the Maharanee of Baroda, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. G. D. Birla.

Before the motion for the election of the Chairman was placed before the House, Mr. Anandilal Poddar rose to make an appeal to the delegates.

Mr. Dwarkadas Bharatia rose to a point of order. He said that as the Chairman of the Reception Committee had finished his task he was no longer possessing the House. He, therefore, said that before the President was elected no other business could come up before the House.

Sjt. Jamnalalji Bajaj replying to the point of order pointed out that so long as the president was not elected it was the chairman who was the presiding authority.

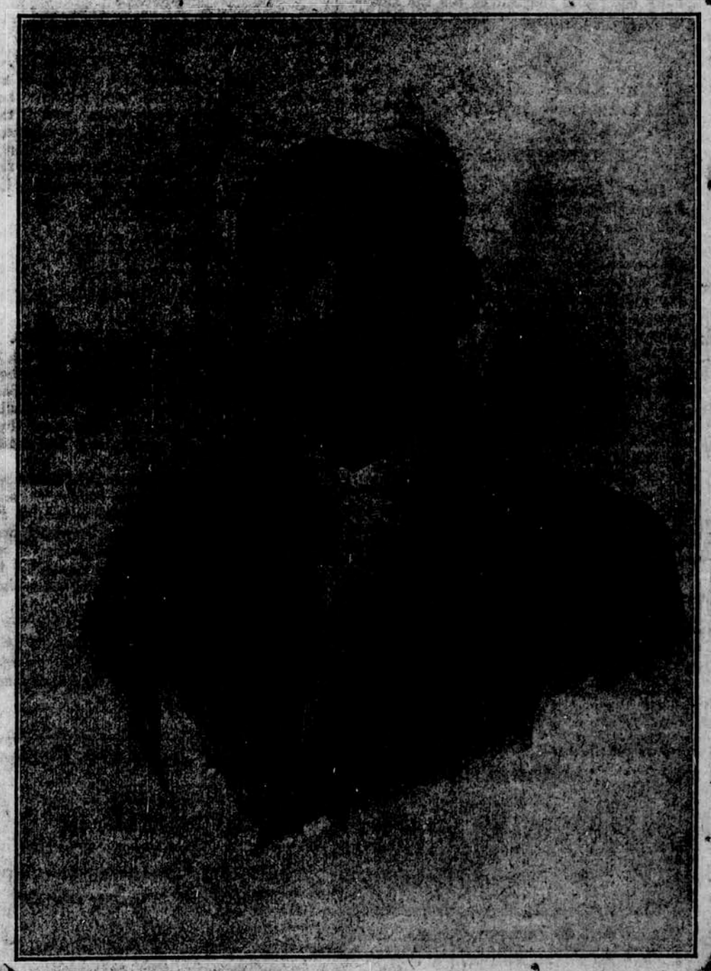
Mr. Poddar in the course of his appeal asked the delegates to adjourn further proceedings till Saturday afternoon because he had been given hopes that unity between the two sections could be restored and some understanding could be arrived at if communications were resumed.

Messrs. Dulechand Dalamia, Shri Nivas and several others supported the appeal.

Messrs. Madadlal, Padmaraj, Jaini and others opposed it on the ground that the motion was unconstitutional and that no unity with the Sanatanists was possible.

"NO ADJOURNMENT."

At this stage, the Sanatanists passed by the Madhav Baug in a large procession with flags and lathis and some of them, it was alleged, abused the womenfolk of the Mahasabhaites. This created considerable sensation among the delegates who vehemently opposed the adjournment proposal. Great confusion prevailed and appeals of various leaders to restore quiet proved fruitless. The delegates grew unruly and the passionate cries of the Chairman of the Reception Committee and others for peace and quiet went in vain. The majority demanded the rejection of Mr. Poddar's suggestion and the election of the president before rising for the day. At last votes were taken by a show of hands and an overwhelming majority voted for the continuation of the proceedings. Division was demanded at once and this demand enraged the majority in the House again. None could pacify the unruly crowd which persistently and loudly demanded the election of the president before anything else was done. At last the Chairman summoned the help of Sjt. Jamnalal Bajaj whose appearance on the rostrum no doubt restored quiet and order. Sjt. Bajaj passionately appealed to his bearers to act in accordance with Mr. Poddar's suggestion which, he said, would do them no harm absolutely. This appeal was, however, rejected by the House, and Mr. Poddar was almost compelled to withdraw his suggestion. He did so and withdrew from the Conference with several of the delegates who were his followers. Perfect silence was once again restored in the House and amidst loud and continued applause Mr. Ranga Lalji was formally elected president of the Conference.



Kumar Balkishenlal Poddar, Chairman of the Reception Committee of the All-India Agarwal Mahasabha which met in Madhavbag on Friday.

PRESIDENTIAL SPEECH

In the course of his speech which he delivered in Hindi, the President referred to the rowdyism at the Victoria Terminus Station on Thursday and criticised the action of those who had handed the President-elect so roughly in very strong terms. He said all his hopes at a settlement between the two warring sections of the community were shattered; and it grieved him very much to have witnessed such shameful scenes enacted by members of his community in a public place. He had learnt with great regret the decision of Mr. Hanuman Prasadji Poddar to resign the presidentship and when he went to the executive committee with letter of Mr. Poddar's resignation, he was compelled to accept that honour which he had done in all humility. He believed that the rowdy scenes were created at the instance of interested party leaders who were harping upon petty personal jealousies. He however, hoped unity between the two sections would be restored ere long and those who were fighting at present would be co-operating with each other to achieve the noble and landable objects for which the Mahasabha had been working for the last 10 years.

The President refefrred to the lack of education both among males and females in his community and exhorted his hearers to support the national movement. He said that their prosperity depended upon the economic regeneration of the country.

A Subjects Committee was then elected and the Conference adjourned to Saturday noon.

Seth Beniprasad Dalmia, Secretary of the All-India Agarwal Mahasabha.

WARNING TO ORTHODOX

A HEALTHY SIGN

To the Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The warm reception the president-elect of the All-India Marwadi Agarwal Mahasabha had at the lathis of Sanatanis indicates, as nothing else can that the Marwadi community is in social ferment—and this is a healthy sign for the community "as a whole," and on this I wish to congratulate the pioneers of the reform movement. I advisedly say healthy because it indicates that the community is not dead but as Yankees say "alive and kicking."

If Sanatanis believe that by such methods as theyy have adopted they will stop the wheels of time in matters social, they are thoroughly mistaken. If they will remember that the orthodox sections of other communities on this side of India played the same game and lost by eleven wickets, they would be better employed in revising their intentions of which we had indications on Thursday morning. Let them remember that such methods in the past have not paid, and that "khoti teji" means but "mandi," and sooner they recognise this, the better for them. For their benefit I will mention a chapter from history of Kapoles. The Kapole Seth—I will not mention his name and disturb his green memory—was so powerful and would not listen to reason and for some supposed social sin got certain section of the community to do penance on the banks of Banganga, Walkeshwar. The moustaches of the sinning members were in solemn form shaved off, and the male children of the community did not escape the razor of the barber. In the same community to-day, things have changed and the community as such is unable to take action for what was believed at one time as "unkapole" act.

Same with the Bhatias. I know of a time when no Bhatia youngster could pass the "pedhi" of Sivraj Baloo in Bazar Gate Street, Fort, with "beddi" in his mouth. To-day hundreds of Bhatias can be seen in the restaurant car of the G. I. P. Railway, and in the Orient Club and Taj Mahal, openly joining social dinners. Where members of all communities are present and where is the community? Take the case of Bhatias marrying non-Bhatia girls,—even an European mademoiselle. Is the community able to take any action? The Bhatias to-day are unable to take any measures "as a caste." And yet the same community years back met to take cognigance of widow remarriages. It was considered a sin unforgiveable to attend a Bhatia re-marriage, and I am told that a Bhatia was called before Mahajan for the said sin and was so frightened, that when asked to give the name of his father, mentioned that of his mother. To-day hundreds of Bhatias attend widow re-marriages, including the orthodox. To-day allegations against moral behaviour of Valabh Maharajas are openly made. Few years back Bhatias conspired not to give evidence against Maharajs.

Instances can be cited and multiplied to show that wherever and whenever the orthodox have risen against the march of progress of the community, they have always been deffeated.

Does the Marwadi community think that it is an exception? Let the orthodox remember that "when a new desire has declared itself within the human heart, when a fresh-plexus is forming among the nerves—then the revolutions of communities are already decided, and histories unwritten are written" and the tiny insolences of some members—more dead than alive—avail not.

The orthodox— and no one can charge the Sanatanis to be otherwise—had instance of their utter helplessness at the banks of Godaveri quite recently when Miss Miller was admitted by a Sankaracharya into Hindu faith and fold. Where were they then? Perhaps they were making preparations to greet the President-elect of the Agarwal Mahasabha.

The object of this letter is to tell the pioneers of reform in the Agarwalla community not to give oppositionists more weight than they have but to treat them "as fleas, so little and so light that we scarce could know they live but they bite."

Wishing the reformers success.—Yours, etc.,

LAKHMIDAS ROWJI TAIRSEE.

WHAT IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?

TO-DAY'S FORECAST

(By KAM, Chela of Himalayan Joshimaharaj Joothabhai Labaddas.)

SIGN OF ZODIAC: ARIES.

If to-day is your birthday, nature has made you an all-rounder in all respects (and salaams too): the girth of your neck is like that of the Polish wrestler, Zbyszko, that of the paunch exactly like that of a 54-gallon cask of beer. In cricket, you play and bowl and field, whether "in the country" or near the goddesses' tents, remarkably well. In football game, whether on the field or at home no one can excel you in kicking anyone who "comes in your way" to the accompanient of Master Bray's stentorian tunes, and in the powerful paying art of of seeking divine inspiration under the proverbial chestnut, tree (in the West) or the bunyan or babul tree (in the East), or the equally breezy holly and mistletoe, or under the clock of some tower in a garden which like the conductor of a tramway company, seldom gives correct time, thus encouraging the Romeos and Juliets to beguile themselves longer than otherwise they would do, you have no rival in the world. But, in spite of all the strength that an unjudicious nature has bestowed on you, you cut a sorry figure before the tricks of human foxes or the wiles of vixens. You are one of those deluded persons—like some of our human hippos and jumbos who distinguish themselves in councils or local bodies by yawning, or having four "forty winks," especially after lunch, snoring like the grant after his lunch of 20 men and 100 oxen in the fairy tale of Jack and the Bean-stalk—who love to be reminded that they have a bigger brain than a woman's. But the statement that an elephant is several sizes larger than his own is always unpopular to them. So don't rely too much on your brute force. Beware of the all-powerful soul-force, the history of which is yet to be written. In the old days a man won his wife with a club. But in this twentieth century (of sex-equality and sex-equivocality) he sometimes loses her by the same means, not to mention the other kind of club in which, the game of diamond and heart and club leads one to spade his early grave.

COMMITTEE ON INLAND TELEGRAPH SERVICE

RATES FOR PRESS TELEGRAMS TO BE INCREASED

LONDON, March. 22.

The Report of the Committee on the Inland Telegraph Service consisting of Sir Mardman Lever (Chairman), Lord Ashfield and Sir Harry Duncan McGowan dealing with the question of economies in charges and tariff in order to extinguish or substantially reduce the deficit of the service estimate's loss one press telegrams in 1926-27 at £.212,000) and recommends service estimate's loss on press telegrams should be increased by thirtythree and one third per cent.—Reuter's Special.

PENSION TO COLONIAL GOVERNORS

BUXTON COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

LONDON, March. 22.

The Committee presided over by the Earl of Buxton, including Major Gen. Ormsby Gore which inquired into the position the Colonial Governors with special reference to pensions recommends that pensions to four classes of Governors should be at the following rates for each year of service:—First £72, second £60, third lb.48, and fourth £36. The total pension from all sources should not exceed £2,000 per year.—Reuter's Special.

HARTAL FINES AND STUDENTS

MADRAS GOVTS. EDUCATIONAL POLICY

MADRAS, March 23.

Increased educational facilities for the depressed classes were demanded by non-official speakers in the Madras Council this afternoon over a token cut motion against the Government's educational policy. Emphasis was laid on the need for extension of technological studies and the immediate revision of the educational policy on the lines of national education with a view to reduce unemployment.

Swarajist members charged Government with showing vindictiveness towards students citing the imposition of fines in connection with the hartal day occurdrences.

Dr. Subbaroyan, the Chief Minister, replying said the solution of the problem lay in graduates and young men turning to occupations other than Government service such as banking and commerce. The token cut censuring the Government's educational policy was negatived by 42 votes to 23 and the education demand was agreed to. The Council adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

Seth Narayanlal Pitty, Secretary of the Reception Committee.

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31 ,,	MOOLTAN@ ..		20,847
7 Apr.	RANCHI ..		16,650
14 ,,	RAZMAK@ ..		10,602
21 ,,	RAWALPINDI		16,619
28 ,,	MALOJA@ ..		20,837
5 May.	RAJPUTANA.		16,568
12 ,,	MOREA* ..		10,953
19 ,,	KAISAR-I-HIND ..		11,518
26 ,,	RAZMAK ..	NALDERA@ ..	16,088
2 June	MACEDONIA.		11,120
9 ,,	MALWA * ..		10 986
16 ,,	MANTUA ..		10,946
23 ,,	RAZMAK ..	NARKUNDA @	16,572
30 ,,	DELTA ..		8,000
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BRITISH INDIA SAILINGS.

Bombay to Port Said and Plymouth.

Date about	Steamers.	Tons
1928		
6th April	MANELA ..	8,303
2nd May	DOMALA ..	8,441
24th June	RANORA ..	7,783

P. & O. SAILINGS TO COLOMBO, STRAITS, CHINA, JAPAN and AUSTRALIA.

1928		
20th Mar	NALDERA ..	Colombo and Australia,
31st March	† KIDDERPORE ..	Straits, China and Japan.
10th April	† ALIPORE ..	Straits, China and Japan.
24th Apr.	DELTA ..	Colombo, Straits China & Japan
26th Apr.	† MIRZAPORE ..	Straits. China and Japan.
26th Apr.	NARKUNDA ..	Colombo and Australia.
24th May	MOOLTAN ..	Colombo and Australia.
7th June	RAWALPINDI ..	ColomboStraits China & Japan
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5th July	RAJPUTANA ..	ColomboStraits China & Japan
Connecting at Colombo with MONGOLIA ..		for Australia.

†Does not carry Passengers.

BRITISH INDIA SAILINGS.

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1928		
24th March	CHAKLA ..	Karachi via Porebunder Dwarka & Cutch Mandvie.
26th ,,	VITA ..	Karachi viaPort Okha & Cutch Mandvie.
28th ,,	BARJORA ..	Basrah via Karachi & Persian Gulf Ports
28th ,,	KARAGOLA..	East & South Africa.
30th ,,	VASNA ..	Basrah via Karachi.
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STOCKS AND SHARES

GENERAL BEAR RAID

PRICES DECLINE.

Bombay, March 23.

MILL SHARES.

Cotton mill shares rather quiet at a decline of Re. 1|4 to Rs. 2|8. There was some scattered liquidation and prices ruled easy. Later on there was considerable bear pressure and prices gave way. The closing tone was weak. Bombay Dyeing opened at Rs. 941|4 and declined to Rs. 932|8 but closed at Rs. 935. Fazal opened at Rs. 873|12 and after declining to Rs. 866|4 closed at Rs. 868|12. Pearls opened at Rs. 593|12 but declined to Rs. 585. Century opened at Rs. 446|4 and closed at Rs. 438|12. Simplex declined Rs. 7 and closed at Rs. 188|12. Kohinoors after declining to Rs. 249 closed at Rs. 250.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In this section Tata Iron Defd. opened strong at Rs. 330 on buying by interested bulls. However long liquidation soon depressed prices which gave way on hammering by Ahmedabadi Bears and reacted to Rs. 318|12. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 88 and after improving to Rs. 88|4 closed easy at Rs. 86|12, Hydros opened at Rs. 1,172|8 and with several ups and downs sagged to Rs. 1,163|12 and closed at Rs. 1,165. Indian Cements were raided by bears which after opening at Rs. 331|12 declined to Rs. 323|12 and closed at Rs. 325. Alcocks declined Rs. 7 and closed at Rs. 386|4, Burmah also suffered and after opening at Rs. 852|8 closed at Rs, 843|12. Scindias were also freely offered which closed at Rs. 17|12.

On the whole the market was chiefly under the influence of bear activities, who having caught an opportunity of accumulated weak and tired position of bulls, took advantage to induce long liquidation. At this stage there is now some short interest in the market and we look for steadier markets and think it unsafe to follow the decline.

The transfer business has developed into some bulk and premiums ruling were quoted as under:—

Dyeing Rs. 6|4, Fazal Rs. 5|10, Pearl Rs. 4|6, Century Rs. 3|8, Nagpur Rs. 3|8, New Great Re. 1|12, Simplex Re. 1|4, Tata Iron Dfd. Rs. 3, Ordinary As. 14, Hydros Rs. 6|4, Indian Cement Rs. 3|2.

SECURITIES.

Government Paper opened steady and with a small business prices fluctuated within a narrow range of half anna.

To-morrow being "Ramzan Id", the Bombay Stock Exchange will remain closed.

COTTON

Bombay, March 23

Paid up.		Closing rates.
100	Ahmed. Advance	400
100	Alliance	30
50	Apollo	6/6
500	Bombay Cotton	312|8
200	Bombay Dyeing	935
250	Bradbury	260
100	Century	438/12
100	Colaba Land	13!/4
500	Central India P.	513/12
100	Coorla	172/8
100	Crescent	177/8
250	Curim.	250
500	David	260
250	Dawn	625
200	Edward Sassoon	110
10	S. D. Sassoon	0/14/8
100	Elphinstone	16
150	Fazulbhoy	868/12
50	Finlay	137/8
1000	F. Petit	500
100	Globe	30
100	Gokak	130
100	Indian Bleaching	313/12
100	Indore Malwa	365
100	Jamshed Mfg	47/8
300	Kastoorchand	23
100	Khatau	97/8
100	Kohinoor	250
1000	Luxmi Cotton	6850
100	Madhavrao Sed.	7
1000	Morarji	2028
500	Mathuradas	50
1000	Maneckji Petit	1600
100	Meyer Sassoon	81/4
1000	Morarji	2030
200	New Great	287/8
10	New City	115
250	Pabaney	283/12
200	Pearl	585
100	Phoenix	495
250	Simplex	195
1000	Sholapur	7850
50	Swan	138/12
100	Swadeshi	513/12
500	Tata Mill	75
500	Vishnu Cotton	3000

BANKS.

127	Imperial	1450
127	Imperial	359
50	India	90/4
20	Baroda	92
25	Central	z25/4
25	Eastern	94
£12.1/2	National Bank	250

RAILWAYS.

500	Ali Prantej	835
	Amritsar Patti	1?0
1/Cen.	Prov. Rly.	101
100	Dhond' Baramati	100
100	Gazerat Rly.	90/12
100	Hoshiarpur	100
100	Khulna Baghirhaut Rly.	95
90	Mandra Bhon.	78/8
100	Sara Sirajgunj	93
100	Sialkote	103
100	Upper Sindh.	88/8
100	Upper Sindh	90
500	Tapty Valley	725

MISCELLANEOUS.

100	Ahmedabad Electric	121/4
100	Andhra Valley	767/8
100	Alcock	386/4
125	B. Burma	843/12
16	B. Burma No. 5	843/8
10	Br. India Insurance	8/12
8sh.	Bt. Burma Pet	4|11
100	B. Tramway	155
50	B. Tramway.	68/8
200	Bombay Steam	281/4
50	Bombay Telephone	48
10	Bradi Cement	23/2
250	Indian Cement	325
20	Central India Mining	20
£ 1	Eastern Chemical ordy.	1/9
do 2	Do. Defd.	1
100	Katni Ordinary	248/12
100	Katni Deferred	382/8
50	Oriental Life Ass.	2225
10	Punjab P. Cement	15/10
10	Punjab P. Cement Pref.	16
10	Shivrajpur	40
25	Tata Iron Ord.	86|12
20	Tata Iron 1st Refd.	318/12
20	Tata Iron 1st Defd.	187
100	Tata Iron 2nd Pref.	98/4
1080	Tata Hydro	116
100	Tata Oil	37

SECURITIES

Bombay, March 23.

3-1/2 per cent Rupee Paper Rs. 75/7

4 per cent Conversion Loan due 1931-36 Re. 94/4.

4 per cent. Loan due 1934/37 Rs. 93/9

4 per cent Loan due 1960/70 Rs. 87/10

5 per cent War Loan due 1929-47 Rs 100/5.

5 per cent Loan due 1945 Rs. 101/4.

5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1935 Rs. 102/4

5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1945-55 Rs. 106/4

5-1/2 per cent War Bonds (Tax Free) due 1928 Rs. 105/4

6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1930 Rs. 103/3.

6 per cent. Bonds (Tax Free) due 1931 Rs. 104/6.

6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1932 Rs. 105-13.

6-1/2 per cent. Bombay Development loan (Tax Free) due 1935 Rs. 111-8.

4 per cent Port Trust due 1974 Rs. 85

4 per cent Municipal due 1974 Rs. 84/8

4 per cent Improvement Trust due 1970 Rs. 86-8.

6 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1934 Rs. 111.

6 per cent Municipal due 1933-45 Rs. 101/14.

Forward Rates.—2nd April Sett. 3-1/2 per cent Rupee Paper, Rs. 75/7 1945/55 Rs. 106-4.

Tone of Market.—Quiet but steady.

LONDON DISCOUNTS.

Bombay, March 23.

3 Months 4 3/32 p.c.
6 Months 4-1/8 p.c.
Bank of England Rate 4-1/2 per cent.
Money Call 6-1/4 per cent.
One month 5-8/4 per cent.
Three months 5 1/4 per cent.
Six months 4-1/4 per cent.
Imperial Bank rate 7 per cent
Tone of Money Market:—Steady.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of 23rd March 1928.

Barometer (corrected to 32deg. F.) at 8 a.m. 29.928 inches (.029 above normal.)

Barometer corrected at 4 p.m. (previous day) 29.822 inches (.027 above normal.)

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours + .022.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 78.4 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 74.1 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 87.4 degrees (0.6 above normal.)

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 73.0 degrees (0.1 below normal.)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 80 p.c.

Relative humidity at 4 p.m. (previous day 64 p.c.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ESE.

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 119 miles.

Velocity of baximum gust of wind during 24 hours 15 miles per hours.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy—10) 0.

Earthqsoke Report:—An earthquake shock of severe intensity at its origin about 8,700 miles away was recorded bye the sciomographes in the Colaba observatory at 10 hrs. 7 mins. yesterday (I.S.T.).

100	Tata Power Ord.	573/12
100	Tata Power Pref.	990
2/5	Scindia Steam	17/10

PREFERENCE SHARES

10	7-1/2 p. c. Punjab Portland Cement	14/15
100	7-1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	136
100	7-1/2 p.c Tata Steel 2nd pref.	98/4
1000	7 p/c. Hydro Pref	1040
1000	1 p.c. Andhra Valley Pref.	1115
500	1 p.c. Vishnu Pref	230
150	6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	134
500	5 p.c. Nagpur Pref.	485
100	5 1/2 p c. Tata Mill Pref.	110

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FASTING BEFORE FESTIVAL.

(Continued from page 8.)

—observe vows of silence independently of long vigils. Gandhiji used to set apart a day in the week vowed to self-imposed muteness. In Islam, the theological works exalt the merits of fasting to a high degree. Imam Ghazali has devoted a tract to the exercise of this virtue. His commendation of abstinence must have appeared wildly extravagant to his contemporaries, at least of the non-Islam faiths. But to-day in the light of science demonstrating its curative potency, fasting acquires a compelling value. Islam has very definite, and so far as one can see, rational rules, regulating compulsory fasting. Besides it, there is the voluntary "saum tatawwu" which is permissible on all the week days excepting Saturday and Sunday, so as not to confound the believers with the Jews and Christians.

The Buddha in his first search for truth remained hungry for many days till his body was emaciated to a skeleton. He describes vividly the course of torment in his autobiographical sermons. Skeleton figures of the Buddha are still found in the Swat valley. They are beautiful, that is, so far as the Hellenic influence can lend beauty to the subject hardly susceptible of much artistic expression. Some of these images are preserved in the Lahore Museum. But the Buddha ultimately saw the futility of fanatic starvation as a means to deliverance from world-sorrow. He denounced it as he did the other severe practices of the "naked ascetics," a sect of the Jains. "In 91 Cycles," says the Buddha, "I know only of one naked ascetic gone to Heaven." The Jains, on the other hand, being the most logical, pursue the ritual of fasting to self-murdering extreme. The Sadhus and Sadhwis who seek salvation in the lingering process of self-mortification by fasting surpass the trials of medieval Christian saints and their authentic records need scrutiny in to-day's light of the scientific basis of fasting. Like all religious injunctions fasting originally was a hygienic regulation. It might be re-introduced with profit without the paraphernalia and mummery of concomitant priest-craft.

THIRD ASIATIC CONFERENCE

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cially for such points as Gibraltar and the Suez Canal. The United States of America are already up in arms for the internationalization of all the highways, including these strategic points. Thus Russia on the one hand and America in the other hemisphere, for reasons of their own, are not going to give peace to Europe in this matter. Islam has therefore a unique opportunity to rise once again. Will Hindus hesitate and be afraid of the rise of their neighbours or will they abide by the wise formula of 'love thy neighbour first', is the crucial question. Indecision always spells ruin. Let us go the whole hog, with God overhead and heart within.

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Allahabad, March 21.—At the Allahabad High Court the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice King dismissed the revisional petition of Muhammad Nasir, editor of "Risalat," a weekly newspaper of Meerut, who was sentenced to six months' simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 for defamation and enhanced the sentence to eighteen monts, simple imprisonment.—A.P.

LONDON METALS.

London, Mar. 22.

Copper, English Best Selected £65-3|8.
Copper, Braziers £74-3|4.
Yellow Metal £64-3|4.
Spelter Hard Indian Brands £21-5|8.
Corrugated Sheets, 24 gauge, £13-3|8.
Tin, English Ingots £239.

NEW YORK DEMAND BILLS.

New York, Mar. 22.

Demand Bills 487-87

MERCILESS ENHANCEMENT OF ASSESSMENT

TRUMPET CALL TO BARDOLI AGRICULTURISTS

MR. VALLABHBHAI PATEL'S EXHORTATION

The Secretary, Bardoli Satyagraha Publicity Office, sends the following:—

Sjt. Vallabhbhai Patel addressed meetings last week in Buhari and Hathuka, the two Shahukar villages in the heart of the poor Raniparaj area. The land here is of a very low quality and yet on account of the peculiar economic conditions prevailing here it appears, to a superficial observer, to fetch a fab rent. But anyone who has seen anything of the state of things there knows that the rents are simply rents in name, they are in fact interests on the debts. But the Government would not see this obvious thing and argue that no body would pay a higher rent for his field than what it yielded him. This has resulted in these poor lands being taxed with the most merciless enhancement, ranging from 50 per cent to 66. A hope has now been given to a few villages. It would seem, that their conditions would be looked into, but the people are too shrewd now to be taken in, and they have promised Sjt. Vallabhbhai that they would stand or fall with the taluka.

GARDEN TURNED INTO DESERT.

Sjt. Vallabhbhai next addressed meetings of the brave Patidars in the villages of Rayam and Banni. Both the meetings were attended by people from ten to fifteen villages. He said he always told the friends in the Council that all their good intentioned endeavours in that hall were bound to fail. The Government had turned the garden of Gujerat into a desert and now seek to turn the deserts of Sindh into a garden by spending lakhs in building canals there. It was easy enough for them to win over the big zamindars of Sindh on their own side by offering them the temptation of these new lands and defeat the people's cause in Gujarat.

CAST AWAY FEAR.

Proceeding, he exhorted the people to cast away all their fears. The fear of the Government was all a hollow fear, like that of the "bhut" (evil spirit). There was nothing like the Government that you could lay your hand on, just as there was nothing like the "bhut." It was only we who out of our fear within ourselves believed that a Collector or a Mamlatdar, or a Talati or the meanest village peon was Government and then stood in awe of it. They were all men like us with two hands and two legs. They must learn to tell them straight things with courage. He wanted the Gujerat farmer to know how to hold his head high in the presence of even the tallest officer. Everyone,, even many Government servants, he said, believed in the Bardoli people's cause being just. He therefore advised that the officer who came to them for japti should be requested to write to the Government, for in his heart of hearts he believes so, that the people's cause is right and he could not carry out the orders; they should be told to have the courage for that and not to take japti to the poor villages for the sake of his service, like the proverbial husband who showed his bravery only before the weak wife at home.

TAKE TO CHARKHA.

Sjt. Vallabhbhai exhorted the people, and especially the ladies who were most of them in foreign saries, to take to Gandhiji's charkha and get rid of the foreign stuff, for it would not be possible to effectively fight the English "bania" as long as they depended for their dress on them. He requested the farmers of Bardoli to carry it out by the help of the Darbar Saheb Gopaldas who was living in their midst and show it to the country.

NO BLUFF.

Concluding, he assured the people that if the Government declared their lands "khalsa," that would only give a great impetus to the struggle and if it is not restored to its owner, all the farmers in the whole of Gujerat will be very much excited and it is just probable that they will make what is to-day only Bardoli's cause, their own cause. He said he had no habit to bluff. That was the habit of the Government officers, who claim to be infallible. He was only laying down the state of things as it existed.

REVISION OF GROUPINGS OF VILLAGE

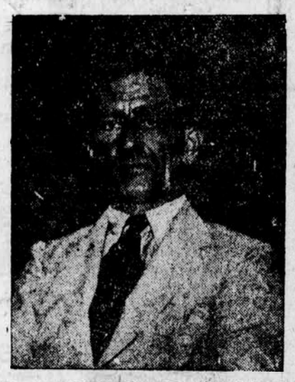
In the debate in the Legislative Council on March 13th, 1928, says a communique issued by the Director of Information on the subject of the revised settlement of Bardoli Taluka, the Honourable the Revenue Member made the following statement:—

"I wish to state to the House that in 32 cases where this raising of villager from one group to a higher group has proceeded further than the original recommendations made by the Assistant Settlement Officer, Government are still prepared to consider the individual circumstances of such villages. Notifications have been issued inviting objections to the assessments in the case of these 32 villages and the objections have not yet all been received, but I undertake that, when they are received, they shall receive my most careful and personal consideration. I have already given consideration to the question of those villages but I am only waiting to receive the objections that are still outstanding and the Collector's report upon them, and then I shall come to a decision regarding these 32 villages."

Government have now completed their investigation of the individual representations received in response to the notifications inviting objections to the proposed alterations for certain villages of the grouping proposed by the Assistant Settlement Officer, and they have come to the following decisions:—

DRY CROP RATES.

(1) Villages to be reduced from Group I to Group II:—Chhitra, Kharad, Kunwadia, Timberwa. (2) Villages to be reduced from Group II to Group III:—Devada, Pavran. (3) Villages to be reduced from Group III to GroupIV:—Dumkhal Mordevi.



Dr. W. H. R. Murray, the European gentleman, who was initiated into Arya Samaj, on Thursday.

REVISION SETTLEMENT TO REMAIN

Villages to be reduced from Group III to GroupIV:—Agasia, Ambach, Bahej Bhimpore, Dhumkhal, Kanpod, Kasvav, Kosambia, Kumbhia, Mordevi Nalon, Pelad Buhari, Vedchhi.

As has already been made clear, Government adhere to the maximum of assessment already approved by them for the different groups, and no change in respect to these will be made.

Government have reason to apprehend that in certain villages of the taluka some soil deterioration may have taken place owing to washing by streams. The Superintendent of Land Records is being directed to investigate this question with a view, if necessary, to the revision of the soil classification of any fields found to be so affected. It must, however, be pointed out that this has nothing to do with the revision settlement under consideration, which is concerned only with the fixing of general maximum rates of assessment for the several groups of villages and the distribution of the villages among such groups. The proportion of the maximum rate of assessment for a village which any given field in such village shall bear depends on its individual soil classification, which is a matter independent of the settlement.

NO SEVEN HOURS DAY

LABOUR BILL REJECTED

LONDON, March 23.

House of Commons, by 154 votes to 127, rejected the Coal Mines Bill introduced by a Labourite which sought to repeal the Eight Hours Act of 1926 and restore a seven hours day in the mines.—Reuter.

Mexico City.—Despite violence of Wednesdays earthquake and its extension to twelve States, only two persons were killed and less than score injured. The muddy sub-soil of the capital, acting as cushion, saved it from destruction.—Reuter.

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PROFITEERING WITH STATE FUNDS.

CHARGE AGAINST PRIVATE MUTUAL CREDIT SOCIETIES.

TRIAL OPENS AT MOSCOW.

LONDON, March 22.

Moscow.—The trial has opened at the High Court here of two of the biggest private mutual credit societies of Moscow on a charge of unlawfully receiving state funds for profiteering operations. The 42 accused include the chairmen and directors of the societies, a number of officials of the State Bank and People's Commissariat of Finance who is alleged to have helped to obtain State credits. The accused are being sued for six million roubles.—Reuter.

MERGER OF TELEGRAPH COMPANIES

PREMIER EXPLAINS GOVT'S POSITION

LONDON, March 22.

In the House of Commons replying today to postponed questions regarding the proposed fusion of the Eastern Telegraph and Marconi Companies, Premier Baldwin said that the British Government and the Imperial Wireless and Cable Conference did not previously know the details and had no responsibility for financial arrangements in that connection. He said he was unable to make a statement in advance of the Conference's report, but thought it right to say that while the Government was prepared to join in discussing measures for a working arrangement it had not committed itself even in principle and had reserved the freedom of action with regard to any proposals for transfer, operation and control of the Imperial Wireless service which was at present administered by the British Government.—Reuter's Special.

J. BANARJI'S APOLOGY

MAHARAJA OF NADIA CENSURED

CALCUTTA, March 23.

Among the decisions arrived at by the Bengal Congress Council Party at a meeting held to consider matters of party discipline was one accepting the apology tendered by Mr. Jitendralal Bannerjee, a prominent Swarajist, regretting his attendance at the February Session of the Bengal Legislative Council in defiance of the party's mandate. The meeting also resolved that, having regard to the recent activities of the Maharaja of Nadia, particularly in connection with the motion of no-confidence in the Ministers no member of the party should associate with him either in public or in social life.—A. P.

TRAFFIC STAFF UNAFFECTED

CALCUTTA, March 23.

In a communique on the Lillooah Workshop situation, the Agent of the E. I. Railway says that the locomotive and traffic staff are entirely unaffected.—A. P.

POSSESSING REVOLVERS WITHOUT CERTIFICATE

ENGLISHMAN REMANDED TO POLICE CUSTODY

LONDON, March. 22.

Scotland Yard's activities in connection with the revolver smuggling mentioned yesterday, resulted in the appearance at Lambeth Police Court, of Thomas Joseph Nolan charged with possession without certificate of four revolvers and one automatic pistol. A Police Inspector testified that Nolan when arrested, refused to give the name of the man for whom he held the weapons. The accused was remanded to custody.—Reuter's Special.

AGA KHAN HOCKEY.

BHUSAWAL EUROPEANS BEATEN

In the second round of the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament on Friday the B. B. C. I. Railway beat the Bhusawal Europeans by three goals to nil in a scrappy game. The Local side was the better team but the exhibition of hockey was extremely poor. The Bhusawal XI never gave an indication of being a well combined team and were disappointing. A disconcerted set of forwards worked individually and for the most part met with little or no success. Only once did this move prove useful, and that was when Henderson ran past the backs and scored the first goal of the evening, after twelve minutes' play. The Long-Muller combination of the railway was dangerous at times, and before the interval Long drew level with a clever shot.

On changing over the B. B. shot two more goals. Long put in the winning goal, and the third one came from Muller as a result of an individual effort.

B. B. and C. I. Railway .... 3 goals.

Bhusawal Europeans ..... 1 goal.

REPRESENTATION TO GOVT.

ABOLITION OF IMPROVEMENT BOARD

CORPORATION APPROVES OF DRAFT

The discussion on the report of the Tramways and Telephone Committee regarding enhancement of tram-fares was continued at the outset, Mr. Hirjeebehedin's proposal to appoint an independent committee to go into the matter being accepted by the Corportion. The report of the Committee recommended the Corporation to stand on its legal rights, as the Tramways Co. also wanted to do the same.

Mr. Mohanlal M. Desai then moved that the draft representation prepared by the Law, Procedure and Elections Committee for being addressed to Government on the question of the abolition of Improvements Trust Board be approveed and adopted

Mr. Mohanlal Desai said the Transfer of Improvement Trust Act of 1925 had converted the Corporation into a Board of Trustees and under it an independent Improvements Committee had come into existence. The change had been found to be defective. They had found during the past two years that it created faiction between the Board and the Committee. It was possible for the Committee to disobey the definite orders of the Board. Nothing could be more humiliating than that. Mr. Desai thought, sooner the defect was

Mr. B. J. Wadia, who is appointed as a Judge of the Bombay High Court.

removed the better it would be for the self-respect of the Board. The cost of management had continued to be high and he thought if that state of things was allowed, the Board would find it impossible to maintan its solvent position. Besides several schemes of the Trust had remained unfinished which could he completed by the Municipality without additional establishment. He therefore urged to House to request the Government to abolish the Trust.

Dr. A. G. Vievas seconded the proposition.

Dr. F. N. Choksy moved an amendment for an addition in the draft "that the Trust should lease to exist as a separate entity from the 1st of April 1929."

Dr. E. Moses seconded the amendment.

MR. TAIRSEE'S SUGGESTION.

Mr. L. R. Tairsee moved an amendment that the report be referred back to the Committee in viw of th Advocate General's opinion, that the Improvements Committee possessed certain powtrs which had not been contemplated before, and that it should be asked to consider the whole situtionand submit a report thereto.

Dr. C. J. Cursetji seconded the amendment.

Mr. D. G. Dalvi moved another amendfment that the legal opinion referred to by Mr. Tairsee be annexed to the draft representation when sending it to Government.

Mr. Meyer Nissim seconded the amendment which was carried as a substantive proposition.

The Corporation then adjourned till Monday.

Secunderabad.—Doctor Harold Mann, Agricultural Adviser to H. E. H. the Nizams Government, returned on Thursday night from tour in the districts. He visited Mahbubnagar, Pocharam and Nizam Sagar where considerable irrigation projects are under construction. He also saw Government farms at Kamareddy. He said he was very hopeful of agricultural prosperity in this area when irrigation facilities were expanded.—A. P.

PETROL TANK EXPLOSION

EIGHT PERSONS BLOWN OFF

TWO SUCCUMB TO INJURIES

Out of the eight persons who were blown off the roof of the petrol tank belonging to the Indo-Burma Petroleum Company at Sewree on Tuesday afternoon, two succumbed to their injuries in the J. J. Hospital.

The Coroner opened an inquest on Thursday and after recording the identification evidence adjourned further hearing to enable the police to investigate into the causes of the mishap.

HUSBAND'S CLAIM FOR CUSTODY OF WIFE.

HABEAS CORPUS APPLICATION

Before Mr. Justice Davar at the High Court, a Habeas Corpus application was made by Kishenlal Damodardas, a Gujarati belonging to the Dasha Shrimali Bania caste, for the custody of his wife Shardabai, aged 17 years.

Mr. H. J. Kania appeared for the applicant, and Mr. D. N. Bahadurji for the respondents, Mohanlal Hargowandas and others.

The applicant was married to Shardabai in November, 1925, after which they lived together for two years. Some time back, she left her husband's place and went to live with the first respondent who is the husband of her sister. Thereupon, the applicant filed the present proceedings for her custody by way of Habeas Corpus.

MOTHER-IN-LAW'S ILL-TREATMENT.

The girl who was called into the witness-box was questioned by the Judge to ascertain her wishes. She said she did not want to return to her husband's place, where she was very badly treated by her mother-in-law who forced her to work standing for four hours in the morning and evening. She was in a condition of pregnancy.

The respondents' counsel submitted that as the girl was in a delicate condition, she should not be sent back to her husband, at present.

Several alternative arrangements were suggested by both sides. Ultimately the applicant consented to her being kept at the house of one of his castemen in Bombay, Pranjivandas Vanmalidas Mehta, till her delivery. The Judge passed orders accordingly.

TILAK MEMORIAL FUND

Mr. S. I. Silam, the Hon. Secretary Tilak Memorial Committee announces the following donation to this fund:—

Mr. S. B. Khot, Rs. 200; Mr. K. M. Bhosley, Rs. 150; A Sympathiser, Rs. 100; Mr. Meyor Nissim, Rs. 50; Collections through Mr. S. B. Khot, Rs. 144; Mr. S. L. Silam, Rs. 100; A Sympathiser, Rs. 150; Messrs. Manilal & Kher, Rs. 101; Mr. B. N. Kalewar, Rs. 51; Collections through Mr. Vaishampayan, Rs. 25.

HON. MR. RIEU ON LEAVE

HON. MR. HATCH TO ACT AS MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A Bombay Government "Gazette" issued on Friday states:—

"A temporary vacancy having occurred in the office of a member of the Executive Council of the Governor of Bombay by the departure on leave of the Hon. Mr. J. L. Rieu, the Governor in Council has appointed the Hon. Mr. G. W. Hatch, C. I. E., I. C. S., temporary member of the said Council.

The Hon. Mr. G. W. Hatch has on the afternoon of Friday taken upon himself the execution of his office."

Calcutta.—There is practically no change in the situation regarding the labour dispute at the Lillooah workshop of the E. I. Railway. Men in the different departments are gradually resuming work and about 130 have done so in the general stores department, out of a total of 670 employees.—A. P.

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The annual report of the above Institution ended 31st October 1927 that the Jain patients treated during the year under review numbered 8,919 out of which there were 4,288 males, 2,120 females and 2,511 children. The total expenses were Rs. 2,286-6-0. The annual income from the subscription of 1st, 2nd and 3rd class members amounted to Rs. 1,738- which was insufficient; hence a list for extra donations was called for and responded to by several donations to the extent of the sum of Rs. 1,864-4-0. There now remains Rs. 4,903-11-9 at hand as closing balance, including the previous year's funds.

G. I. P. RY. EMPLOYEES' GENERAL UNION.

An extraordinary general meeting of the above Union, Nagpur Centre, will be held on Sunday (the 25th instant), in Rajaram Library Sitabaldi in the evening.

Mr. S. H. Jhabvala and party will leave Bombay on Saturday by Nagpur Express, arriving at Nagpur at 4 p.m. the next day. Necessary literatures have been sent in advance and the intermeddling centres have been informed of his tour. Members on the line are requested to see him on his way to Nagpur and back with their complaints.

AGAINST INCREASE OF RENTS.

Under the auspecies of the Mandvi Koliwada Union a general meeting of the tenants of the B. I. T. chawls was held at Mandvi lately when Mr. Jhabwala presided. The question of increase of rents made by the Improvement Trust was discussed and after speeches by the chairman, Dr. Choksey, Mr. Mirajkar and Mr. Simao, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That this meeting of the tenants of the Mandvi Koliwada Chawls regrets the action of the Improvement Trust Board in still not considering their requisition in the matter of reduction of rent and urges upon the necessity of acceding to their requests and that in the mean time it asks all the tenants not to pay rent till their question is finally settled."

FEATS OF PHYSICAL STRENGTH BY GIRLS.

On Sunday last a large number of ladies, gentlemen and children of Sants Cruz attended a public gathering held in Seth Anandilal Poddar's Bungalow, under the auspices of the Santa Cruz Village Congress Committee when the girls of Gujarat Vyayam Mandal Bombay performed feats of Physical Strength, when Mr. J. K. Mehta presided.

The girls performed various fests such as, body building exercises Indian Clubs, skipping. Yogic assnas, Pyramids, Lathi fight, Garba dance, etc., with music.

The most interesting item of the programme was shooting, in which the girls showed a very remarkable progress. To encourage these girls it was arranged to award several prizes. Prizes up to the value of Rs. 20- were given by a generous minded citizen of Santa Cruz which were distributed by the President.

The President congratulated the girls as well as the workers of the Gujarat Vyayam Mandal for their zeal in the progress of Physical Culture among boys and girls.

Patna.—Captain Vetch in his Avro Avian plane left for Calcutta on Friday His Excellency the Governor, piloted by Captain Vetch, flew over Patna City and the new capital yesterday.—A. P.

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On TUESDAY of this week will unquestionably be one of the most important days in the entire life of the automobile industry. On that day, complete details of the new Ford will be available.

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CLEAR MANDATE OF CONGRESS.

VOTE AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

APPEAL TO MEMBERS OF BOMBAY COUNCIL.

President of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee and other prominent men of Sind have issued the following statement:—

It is likely that the question of co-operation with the Statutory Commission may come up for discussion and decision before this Session of the Bombay Provincial Legislative Council. As in other Legislatures, attempts will be made to commit this Council to the policy of co-operation with the Statutory Commission. In view of the nation's emphatic opinion against the Commission, it is urgent that the Bombay Council should defeat such attempts and vindicate the self-respect of the country at this critical time. The C. P., Madras and U. P. Councils have, with great credit to themselves, refused to co-operate with the Commission in any way. The Legislative Assembly also has expressed its condemnation of the Commission and has refused to have anything to do with it.

CONGRESS' CLEAR MANDATE.

It will be a disgrace to our Presidency if our Legislative Council, subject as it is to astonishing fits of communal hatred, adopts a resolution of co-operation with the Commission. We know that the strange constitution of the Council will make it difficult to adopt a resolution on the lines of the Assembly's. But nevertheless it is the duty of all elected members at least not to be a party to the humiliation of the mother-land involved in the acceptance of the Commission. It is a question on which all patriotic parties and communities in the country are agreed. The mandate of the Congress regarding boycott of the Commission and prevention of formation of Legislative Committees is clear and emphatic. The views of the other political parties and communal organisations are not less unmistakable.

APPEAL TO MEMBERS.

We, therefore, trust that you will make it a point to do your best to defeat the endeavours of Government and its satellities to manoeuvre the Council into acceptance of co-operation with the Commission. As Lala Lajpat Rai said in his momentous Assembly speech on his resolution, voting for the appointment of Legislative Committee was voting for bondage and permanent subjection. Let it not be said of the Bombay Council that it, of all Provincial Legislatures, brought disgrace on the Presidency and betrayed the nation in its hour of trial!

REFORMS IN INDIAN STATES.

PLEA FOR EARLY INTRODUCTION.

H. E. Lord Irwin mentioned in his banquet speech at Patiala that he had drawn up a sketch of the principles of good Government, which many of the Princes had anxiously read. Their Highnesses, the Maharajah of Kapurthala and the Maharajah of Bikaner also announced recently what they considered the minimum requirements of good Government. So a body of opinion has definitely grown up among the Princes that their administration should conform to certain principles and not be left to the will of individual Rulers. We hope it will be possible for the Princes to tell the Viceroy at a later date that they have acted up to the advice contained in his memorandum. Time is of great moment and Their Highnesses had better introduce without delay, whatever reforms they have in view. Barring the devolution of powers to popular institutions, there is no reform to which the Princes need demur. As head of the Government of India, the Viceroy is not likely to have suggested measures which would seriously curtail the powers of the Princes in their States, for the Government of British India is still autocratic and it cannot argue that the Indian States should be democratically governed. Indian Rulers can win a large amount of sympathy for themselves by putting into practice all their good intentions. Their subjects would then heartily join hands with them in their present fight for rights.—"Indian States Review."

BUTLER COMMITTEE'S WORK IN MYSORE.

MUSLIMS QUITE HAPPY THERE.

BANGALORE, March 22.

The Indian States Enquiry Committee completed its labours in Mysore State after examining three more witnesses to-day, including Sir Puttanna Chetty, retiring First Member of His Highness the Maharaja's Executive Council. In course of a drive accompanied by the Dewan, through Avenue Road, the Chairman and Members of the Commission were accorded a cordial welcome by the members of the National Muslim Association, who garlanded the distinguished visitors individually. Sir Harcourt Butler in the course of his conversation with the members of the Association asked whether the community was happy. Sowcar Fyaz Abdul Quddus in reply assured him that Mysoreans of all classes were happy and prosperous under His Highness the Maharaja's administration.

The Committee leaves by special train for Bombay at 10 o'clock to-night.—A.P.

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(Fmom A Correspondent).

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This great tradition is still latent in the Indian woman brought up at home and whenever an opportunity presents itself she steps into it noiselessly and thinking of the cause and not of herself discharges her duties above criticism. So is H. H. the Maharani Regent Chinkuraja Scindia, the highest in rank to-day among women in India both by birth and virtue of her occupying the exalted position that she does. Owing to her equable temperament and many personal charms and shrewd judgment, she enjoyed the complete confidence of the late Maharaja Scindia, who even during his life-time often left the reins of government in her hands and since his death two and a half years she has been occupying the high seat of being the President of the Council and Regent of the State of Gwalior and conducts her duties to the entire satisfaction of the able band of councillors, the subjects, and the British Government.

Mr. Crump the late Resident of Gwalior before he left for Mysore recently, paid a very high tribute in warm praises and glory to Her Highness for her remarkable statesmanship; in response to the toast during the farewell banquet given in honour of Mr. Crump by Her Highness the Maharani Regent at the Palace. Among the notable guests present were H. H. the Nawab Begum of Janjira and Mrs. Heale, wife of the new Resident.

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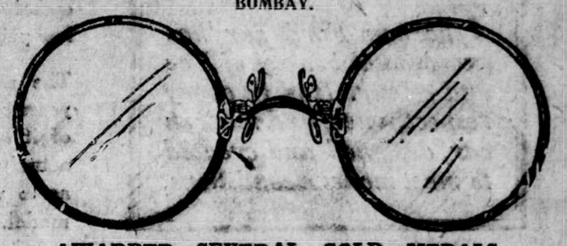

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SIMON'S FAITH IN PATIENCE AND TIME.

IMPRESSIONS OF HIS TOUR

LAHORE, March. 22.

Sir John Simon in an interview given to representatives of the press this evening said:—

"Those of us who are going back to Delhi have been in the Frontier on previous occasions, but we shall hope to see that province again. I visited it two years ago, and look forward to going there again, but it is necessary for me to be present at Delhi during the last few days of this month, because the detailed programme of the commission and the main work to be done when we all return in October will be settled during the next few days. Each of the nine provinces is sending to Delhi a special representative to help in settling the itinerary".

Asked whether the main details of the October visit are already settled, Sir John Simon said that they were under discussion, but were not yet settled. "Our main object is to arrange the tour in such a manner as to best meet the convenience of those especially concerned". Sir John said that the commission would have to go to Burma probably by sea from Madras. The Burma Legislative Council had already resolved to appoint a Committee to cooperate with the Commission, as the Punjab Council had done.

"THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY."

Proceeding Sir John Simon said: "The Secretary has issued an announcement calling for memoranda Some of these are coming to hand. We are told that a great many more will be delivered. We have not examined any of them yet. One reason for calling these now is that our secretariat will have time to classify them during the summer. Many of them will deal with the same subject. The memoranda can be grouped and we shall try to save time by fixing a place most convenient for getting evidence on the same subject. I think this is the most practical way."

PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT.

Asked about their impressions regarding their visit to the Punjab, the Chairman of the Commission said, "Besides this great city, we have been in seven districts of the province—districts scattered from one another. We think this has been very helpful to us because it has given us an opportunity of appreciating some of the conditions in the countryside where the mass population is found. We have had this aspect in mind all the time. I would like to repeat that the purpose of this visit has throughout been to get our minds better informed as to what are the principal subjects of controversy and dispute. We have not formed any conclusions whatever. This we say deliberately. I think we have prepared ourselves very greatly for the main work of the Commission when we have to examine the statements made before us and to prepare ourselves for more controversial things. That is why when we landed we wanted the co-operation of Indian Committees."

PUNJAB'S WELCOME.

Asked what he thought of boycott and "black-flaggers", Sir John said: "I see very different estimates in newspapers of different persuasions as to the number of demonstrations. Sometimes this number is rather excessive even when the crowds were in our favour. We take all these very calmly. I would however make one observation. Leaving out Lahore, when we were in the countryside the only place where we ever met any boycotters was at one place where it was previously arranged that the boycotters should meet us. The Commission has every reason to be grateful for the general and personal kindness which it has received. The Punjab is a place which is very ready to give welcome to those who visit it. We propose to visit it again and we have some hopes that when we return the welcome would not be less cordial."

In reply to the question what the Commission proposed to do where there were no committees, Sir John replied, "I can only say 'Wait and see.' I have great faith in patience and time, and perhaps I may be allowed to say in good sense and statesmanship of which there is so much in India."

Sir John Simon, Col. Lane-Fox and Mr. Cadogan left to-night for Delhi. Lord Burnham, Major Attlee, Lord and Lady Stratheona go to the Frontier.—A.P.

SATYAGRAHA OF LILUAH WORKERS.

EMPLOYMENT OF CHINESE BLACK-LEGS.

(From A Correspondent).

LILUAH, March 22.

The lock-out situation is being complicated everyday. About 400 men belonging to Signal and Engineering Departments performed Satyagraha to-day. Men are determined but peaceful.

At Howrah Maidan this morning, a huge crowd of fifteen thousand workers assembled and Messrs. K C. Mitra, Mukundelal Sircar and Singaravelu addressed a meeting in which a resolution condemning the retrenchment, requesting Government to postpone inquiry into the situation on the E.I.R. and boycotting Roger's Committee was passed.

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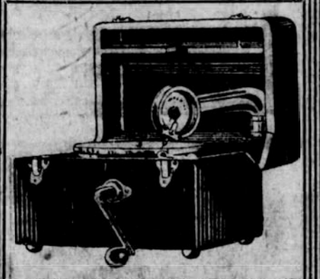

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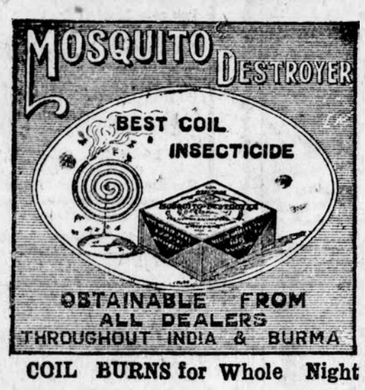

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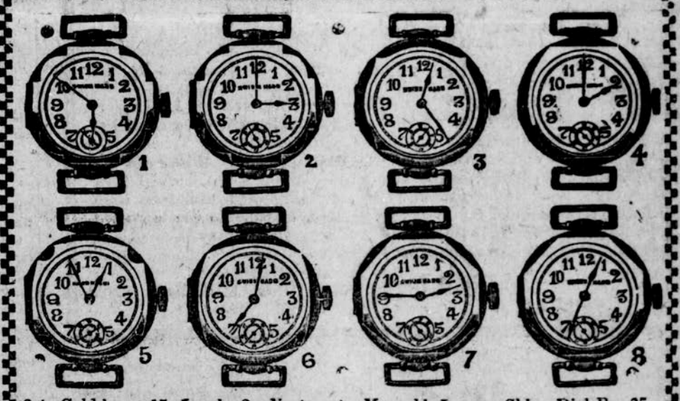

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